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SOUTHWEST GERMANY (4) OS

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Harkness, Leonard (1) ..... Minnesota
Harrington, Richard W. (4) ..... Western New York
Harris, Justin N. (2) ..... Bombay
Harris, Robert M. (10) ..... Nebraska
Harris, Velma M. (8) ..... South Indiana
Harris, William M. (2) ..... Southwest Texas
Hartman, Tom E. (2) ..... Kansas West
Hasler, Freda (E) (6) ..... Southern Illinois
Hawemann, Gerhard (E) (6) ..... German Democratic Republic
Hawkins, J. Clinton (3) ..... Missouri East
Hayes, Clare J. (3) ..... Kansas East
Hayes, Robert E., Sr. (9) ..... Texas
Hayward, Mrs. Rachel (2) ..... Central New York
Hearn, James W. (8) ..... Louisiana
Hedberg, Alfred A. (5) ..... Florida
Hefley, Charles E. (2) ..... North Indiana
Heilman, Geraldine B. (E) (9) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Heisel, Eldred B. (E) (2) ..... West Ohio
Held, Mrs. Virginia ..... Missouri East
Hemphill, William (4) ..... Peninsula
Henderson, Herb H. (8) ..... West Virginia
Henderson, Mattie M. (1) ..... West Ohio
Henry, Luther W., Sr. (8) ..... Central Texas
Henry, William R. (4) ..... Oklahoma
Henton, Jack H. (1) ..... Memphis
Hermann, Theodor (7) ..... Southwest Germany
Hernandez, Frances (9) ..... California-Nevada
Hernandez, Victoria (2) ..... Puerto Rico
Herrick, Marvin V. (E) (4) ..... Nebraska
Hershberger, George (E) (8) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Hess, Wayne C. (E) (6) ..... Central Illinois
Hicks, Kenneth W. (3) ..... Nebraska
Hicks, L. T. (E) (3) ..... Oklahoma
Higgins, Mrs. Ann (9) ..... Missouri West
Higgins, David R. (E) (9) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Hitchcock, William C. (3) ..... Detroit
Hodapp, Leroy C. (1) ..... South Indiana
Holland, Bettilou (5) ..... Northern New Jersey
Holmes, Robert C. (3) ..... South Indiana
Holmes, Zan, Jr. (9) ..... North Texas
Homer, Robert L. (3) ..... Central New York
Hoover, Theressa (10) ..... New York
Horton, Howard J. (9) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Horton, Robert E. (E) (5) ..... Detroit
Hostetter, Mark J. (E) (9) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Hottle, Darrell R. ..... West Ohio
Howell, H. Sharon (9) ..... Kansas East

Hulit, Kenneth (E) (2) ..... East Ohio
Humbel, Herbert (6) ..... Switzerland-France
Humphrey, John D., Sr. (4) ..... North Mississippi
Hundley, George (1) ..... North Alabama
Hunt, Clark W. (6) ..... Northern New Jersey
Huston, Ralph B. (1) ..... Florida
Hutcherson, Guy K. (4) ..... South Georgia
Hutchinson, Charles L. (5) ..... North Alabama
Hutchinson, Orion N., Jr. (1) ..... Western North Carolina

Ibasco, Abelardo (5) ..... Northern Philippines
Immanuel, Jacket B. (3) ..... Hyderabad
Isaacs, Miriam (E) (4) ..... New York
Ives, S. Clifton (3) ..... Maine

Jackson, Leslie (8) ..... East Ohio
James, William M. (4) ..... New York
Jarvis, Charles S. (2) ..... Northern Illinois
Jayaprabhu, E. (2) ..... South India
Jefferson, A. G. (3) ..... Virginia
Jenkins, Daniel C. (9) ..... West Ohio
Jetter, Richard (E) (8) ..... South Germany
Johnson, Charles L. (8) ..... South Carolina
Johnson, Harold G., Sr. (2) ..... Baltimore
Johnson, John G. (3) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Johnson, Joseph T. (4) ..... Northern Illinois
Johnson, Richard E. (5) ..... Kansas East
Johnston, Paula (8) ..... Rocky Mountain
Jolley, Delbert E. (9) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Jones, Donald J. (5) ..... Central Illinois
Jones, Everett R. (8) ..... Baltimore
Jones, G. Eliot (7) ..... Mississippi
Jones, Gerald H. (3) ..... North Indiana
Jones, Hughey L. (8) ..... West Ohio
Jones, Jameson (4) ..... Rocky Mountain
Jones, L. Bevel III (5) ..... North Georgia
Jordan, Ben F. (2) ..... North Arkansas
Jordan, Bert (3) ..... Mississippi
Jordan, Charles W. (9) ..... Northern Illinois
Jordon, Louis (1) ..... South Georgia

Kalaf, Walter N. (4) ..... Florida
Kallstad, Thorvald E. (4) ..... Sweden
Kamwashi, Mrs. Mujinga (3) ..... North Shaba
Karls, Harold M. (2) ..... Detroit
Keeley, Virgil D. (6) ..... Little Rock
Kellam, Harold B. (6) ..... Virginia
Kellow, M. K. (3) ..... Texas
Kemmerly, J. R. (9) ..... Louisiana
Kennedy, Anna F. (1) ..... Central Illinois
Kennedy, Stanley C. (9) ..... Iowa
Kent, Harry (10) ..... South Carolina
Kerr, Charles S. (1) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Kesler, Becky (3) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Kesler, N. Robert (4) ..... Southern California-Arizona

Khyalie, Charles S. (2) ..... Moradabad
Kimbrough, R. E. (2) ..... North Alabama
King, John T. (4) ..... Southwest Texas
Kirby, Wallace H. (7) ..... North Carolina
Kirkwood, William C. (1) ..... New York
Kistler, Richard E. (E) (7) ..... North Indiana
Kite, Joseph H., Jr. (3) ..... Western New York
Knecht, David (4) ..... North Dakota
Knight, W. Carlton (2) ..... Missouri West
Knight, William E. (2) ..... Virginia
Knox, J. Lloyd (7) ..... Florida
Knupp, Robert E. (10) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Koenig, Robert W. (E) (6) ..... South Indiana
Kreager, Marjorie (2) ..... Iowa
Kreager, Max W. (1) ..... Iowa
Krech, Walter D. (2) ..... Central Illinois
Kristoffersen, Erik ..... Denmark
Krueger, Delton (6) ..... Minnesota
Kuczma, Miss Jolanta (6) ..... Poland
Kuehl, Werner (3) ..... Northwest Germany
Kumar, Dilip (2) ..... Lucknow
Kurtz, Merwin R. (E) (6) ..... Kansas East

Lady, R. Andrew (4) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Lal, Manohar (2) ..... Moradabad
Lamb, Raymond R. (4) ..... Detroit
Lambdin, Mrs. Ruby (E) (5) ..... Red Bird Missionary
Lance, Bert (4) ..... North Georgia
Landis, Theodore E. (3) ..... Virginia
Lang, Francis (6) ..... East Ohio
Langford, Thomas A. (4) ..... Western North Carolina
Lanning, Dean A. (1) ..... Northern New Jersey
LaPoint, Kathy (8) ..... California-Nevada
Larson, Norma (2) ..... Minnesota
Lash, H. Donald (E) (6) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Lashford, Mrs. Cathy (5) ..... Wyoming
Lavery, Barbara W. (1) ..... Baltimore
Lawson, David J. (2) ..... South Indiana
Lawson, Norman R. (2) ..... Pacific Northwest
Leatherman, Harold F. (9) ..... North Carolina
Lee, Alice (2) ..... Alabama-West Florida
Lee, Clay F., Jr. (8) ..... Mississippi
Lee, Ernest W. (8) ..... Southern New Jersey
Leggett, J. W., Jr. (4) ..... Mississippi
Lennartson, Walter S. (6) ..... Northern Illinois
Lenox, Asbury (6) ..... Texas
Lewis, William B. (1) ..... Southern Illinois
Lien, Olaf (4) ..... Norway
Ling, Carl C. (3) ..... West Ohio
Lippman, Roland A. (3) ..... Southern Illinois
Long, Carroll H. (4) ..... Holston
Longenecker, Robert P. (E) (5) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Lorch, Basil, Jr. (10) ..... South Indiana
Love, Elza L. (1) ..... Texas
Lovern, J. Chess (2) ..... Oklahoma

Loyd, Martha E. (9) ..... West Virginia
Loyd, W. Harold (4) ..... Central Illinois
Luciani, Janet (1) ..... Detroit
Ludwig, Lois S. (5) ..... South Indiana
Lugo, Michael (1) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Lundquist, C. David (2) ..... West Michigan
Lundy, John T. (5) ..... Holston
Lupo, C. J. Jr. (10) ..... South Carolina
Lutrick, Charles E. (8) ..... Northwest Texas

McAdams, Charles K. ..... North Carolina
McAdams, Emil D. (6) ..... Louisville
McCallum, James H. (2) ..... North Carolina
McCartt, J. Spurgeon (2) ..... Holston
McCleskey, Wayne H. (8) ..... Texas
McConnell, Calvin D. (6) ..... Rocky Mountain
McConnell, Sam P. (2) ..... Holston
McCormack, James H. (7) ..... West Ohio
McCormick, Gerald A. (E) (2) ..... Western Pennsylvania
McCormick, Paul R. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
McCune, Robert J. (8) ..... Central New York
McDermott, George W. (1) ..... North Indiana
McDonald, Charles P. (4) ..... North Arkansas
McDonell, C. Durward (10) ..... Florida
McGehee, Coleman H. (3) ..... Alabama-West Florida
McGuire, Douglas L. (5) ..... Louisiana
McIntosh, Burt A. (7) ..... Central Illinois
McKenzie, Anne (4) ..... Tennessee
McMullin, Nancy (7) ..... Missouri East
McPherson, William (10) ..... Minnesota
McQuary, Thomas R. (2) ..... Louisville
McReynolds, Marvin D. (3) ..... Kansas West
McVey, Charles B. (E) (6) ..... West Ohio
McWhorter, John L. (6) ..... Western North Carolina
Mabee, Marilynn (8) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Mackay, James A. (9) ..... North Georgia
Madison, J. Clay (7) ..... Western North Carolina
Magdowski, Axel (5) ..... Northwest Germany
Mahon, Eldon B. (1) ..... Central Texas
Main, Art ..... Missouri West
Majors, R. Powell (7) ..... Western North Carolina
Malac, Vlastislav (3) ..... Czechoslovakia
Mann, Charles L. (E) (5) ..... Baltimore
Mann, George M. (6) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Mann, Marjorie (9) ..... North Carolina
Mann, Robert L. (1) ..... Central New York
Manson, Frances M. (8) ..... Kansas East
Markham, Mrs. Becky (9) ..... Oklahoma
Marsland, Irving A., Jr. (2) ..... New York
Martin, George W. (8) ..... Little Rock
Martin, Paul D., Jr. (7) ..... Virginia
Martin, S. Walter (2) ..... South Georgia
Marty, Wayne (E) (4) ..... Iowa
Mason, L. K. (7) ..... Louisiana
Mason, William G. (3) ..... Southern New Jersey

Mast, Jacob W. (3) ..... Virginia
Masters, L. D. (3) ..... Tennessee
Matheny, Robert M. (6) ..... Mississippi
Mather, P. Boyd (3) ..... Iowa
Matthews, Marjorie S. (10) ..... West Michigan
May, Felton E. (5) ..... Peninsula
Mayes, Allen M. (10) ..... Texas
Mayfield, Robert G. (7) ..... Kentucky
Mayo, George W. (4) ..... South Georgia
Mealiff, Lester C. (3) ..... Iowa
Meares, John M. (8) ..... North Carolina
Meier, Karl (8) ..... German Democratic Republic
Meier, Wilma L. (E) (1) ..... Kansas West
Melius, Arthur R. (1) ..... Troy
Mercer, Charles H. (3) ..... North Carolina
Meredith, Richard P. (3) ..... Little Rock
Messmer, William K. (E) (7) ..... West Ohio
Metzel, Mrs. Mary (7) ..... Oklahoma
Mevis, Joyce (Mrs. Lawrence) (10) ..... Wisconsin
Meyer, Lester A. (8) ..... Oklahoma
Meyer, Samuel L. (4) ..... West Ohio
Mikkelsen, John H. (2) ..... Nebraska
Miller, Harriet L. (E) (9) ..... West Ohio
Miller, Harry L. (E) (6) ..... West Virginia
Miller, John I. (2) ..... British Methodist
Milligan, Thomas (7) ..... Central New York
Minnick, Carlton P., Jr. (4) ..... Virginia
Minsker, John H. (8) ..... Western New York
Minus, Paul M. (10) ..... West Ohio
Mixson, Rex M. (7) ..... Alabama-West Florida
Moats, Diane (2) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Mohney, Ralph W. (7) ..... Holston
Montgomery, Allen D. (4) ..... North Alabama
Montgomery, Ed (4) ..... North Alabama
Montgomery, John C., Jr. (10) ..... Missouri East
Moore, Eugene J. (E) (2) ..... Central Illinois
Moore, George C. (E) (6) ..... Missouri West
Moore, J. Barcus (9) ..... Southwest Texas
Moore, John V. (4) ..... California-Nevada
Moore, Lester L. (1) ..... Iowa
Moore, Richard V. (4) ..... Florida
Moore, Thomas (E) (7) ..... East Ohio
Moorhead, Edwin E. (4) ..... Mississippi
Morgan, Robert C. (6) ..... North Alabama
Morris, William W. (4) ..... Tennessee
Morton, Hallie (5) ..... Texas
Mugler, Walter F. (E) (10) ..... Kansas West
Murray, Jerry D. (5) ..... Western North Carolina
Mutombu, Kayij (5) ..... Southern Zaire
Myers, Calvin (1) ..... East Ohio
Myers, Paul E. (6) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Myers, T. Cecil (3) ..... North Georgia

Naff, George E., Jr. (4) ..... Holston
Namwan, Kat (9) ..... Southern Zaire

Navas, Hector (E) (9) ..... Florida
Naylor, Edward R. (10) ..... Rocky Mountain
Nees, Forrest (9) ..... East Ohio
Neese, William J. (6) ..... North Carolina
Nelson, Mrs. Fletcher (10) ..... Western North Carolina
Nestler, Frank H. (8) ..... Central Illinois
Nettleton, James L. (2) ..... Southern Illinois
Newman, Ernest W. (6) ..... Florida
Newman, Omega (9) ..... South Carolina
Nichols, Frank A. (4) ..... Iowa
Nichols, Henry H. (10) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Nicholson, Anne (5) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Nicholson, R. Herman (10) ..... Western North Carolina
Nieves, Jon R. (9) ..... Rocky Mountain
Nightingale, C. B. (Chappy) (3) ..... Yellowstone
Norgate, Jennifer (4) ..... British Methodist
Norris, Alfred L. (10) ..... Louisiana
Norris, Irene T. (5) ..... Detroit
Northfelt, Merlyn W. (7) ..... Northern Illinois
Nusbaum, Betty L. (E) (7) ..... Central Pennsylvania

O'Day, Ralph (1) ..... Peninsula
Oden, Tal (4) ..... Oklahoma
Oden, William B. (6) ..... Oklahoma
Oehler, Carolyn (E) (1) ..... Northern Illinois
Olfermann, Wolfgang (7) ..... Northwest Germany
Oliphint, Benjamin R. (7) ..... North Texas
Olson, Lois (E) (1) ..... Wisconsin
Onema, Ekoko L. (9) ..... Central Zaire
Oot, Arthur B., Jr. (7) ..... Northern New York
Osborn, John F. (E) (2) ..... West Ohio
Osment, Mildred (5) ..... North Arkansas
Outler, Albert C. (4) ..... North Texas
Overton, Vivian P. (7) ..... New York

Page, Conrad M., Jr. (E) (6) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Parker, Richard S. (1) ..... New York
Parker, Sarah (Mrs. W. Roy) ..... South Carolina
Patch, Dorothy (1) ..... Oregon-Idaho
Patrick, William H., Jr. (4) ..... Louisiana
Patterson, William G. (6) ..... West Ohio
Patton, Luther A. (4) ..... Troy
Peacock, H. Eugene (8) ..... Western North Carolina
Peiffer, Harold S. (E) (6) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Penicela, Almeida (2) ..... Southeast Africa
Persons, William R. (1) ..... Rocky Mountain
Peters, James C. (3) ..... Western North Carolina
Peters, Lloyd A. (7) ..... Oklahoma
Peters, Rhoda A. (5) ..... Louisville
Petteway, Warren B. (1) ..... North Carolina
Pevahouse, Joe (3) ..... Memphis
Pfisterer, Fred R. (3) ..... Louisville
Phipps, James E. (3) ..... West Virginia
Pickett, Mrs. Elizabeth (2) ..... North Georgia
Pike, Don M. (9) ..... Central Texas

Plowman, Howard L. (1) ..... Oklahoma
Plummer, Kenneth (5) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Poe, George E. (5) ..... Missouri West
Pohl, Keith I. (8) ..... West Michigan
Potthoff, Harvey H. (3) ..... Rocky Mountain
Praetorius, E. Russell (E) (7) ..... Minnesota
Price, Carl E. (7) ..... Detroit
Prigmore, Lafayette T., Jr. ..... Holston
Pullen, Harry A., Jr. (1) ..... Louisville
Pulver, Merle B. (E) (3) ..... Oklahoma
Purdham, Charles (8) ..... Minnesota

Quesenberry, Mrs. Lois (3) ..... Holston
Quickel, Harold H. (E) (7) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania

Ragsdale, Mrs. Martha (10) ..... Holston
Ramer, Lloyd W. (5) ..... Memphis
Randitt, Ina (9) ..... South Georgia
Rathod, John B. (6) ..... Gujarat
Rathod, Raiji M. (3) ..... Gujarat
Ratnam, Darsi J. (10) ..... Bombay
Reavley, Tom (1) ..... Southwest Texas
Redding, Mrs. Viola (7) ..... Western North Carolina
Redmond, Charles D. (E) (10) ..... West Ohio
Reeves, Ms. Nina (3) ..... North Alabama
Reeves, Richard E. (4) ..... Central Illinois
Reid, William C. (3) ..... South Carolina
Reid, William W., Jr. (7) ..... Wyoming
Revels, P. B. (1) ..... Florida
Rhone, Raymond D. (10) ..... Texas
Rice, H. Dan (1) ..... North Georgia
Richards, Cecil T. (2) ..... North India
Richardson, Ted (8) ..... Southwest Texas
Rider, John R. (8) ..... Southern Illinois
Riggin, Don L. (1) ..... Little Rock
Riley, Negail R. (2) ..... Little Rock
Risinger, Melvin S. (2) ..... West Virginia
Rivera, Eli S. (9) ..... Northern New Jersey
Roberts, Leigh (8) ..... Wisconsin
Roberts, Ms. Marilyn (1) ..... North Georgia
Roberts, Roger G. (7) ..... West Virginia
Roberts, Sidney (4) ..... Central Texas
Robey, William T., Jr. (7) ..... Virginia
Robinson, Ruth (5) ..... Rocky Mountain
Rollins, William B. (5) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Ross, Martha S. (6) ..... Baltimore
Roughface, Thomas, Sr. (2) ..... Oklahoma Indian Missionary
Rountree, Alvin L. (8) ..... Central Illinois
Rowan, James C. (6) ..... Florida
Rowe, J. Edgar (9) ..... Virginia
Rowlett, Martha G. (1) ..... California-Nevada
Ruff, William H. (2) ..... North Georgia
Russell, John B. (7) ..... Virginia
Russell, John W. (5) ..... Oklahoma
Russell, Patti B. (8) ..... Virginia

Rust, Norma A. (9) ..... New York
Rutland, John E. (9) ..... North Alabama
Rutland, Walter B. (7) ..... Florida
Rutter, Kenneth P. (4) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Ryan, Mary E. (E) (2) ..... West Virginia

Sagar, Sisa M. (3) ..... Agra
St. Clair, Ben B. (3) ..... Holston
Saito, Perry H. (9) ..... Wisconsin
Samson, Restituto F. (5) ..... Northwest Philippines
Sanders, Felix J., Jr. ..... Louisville
Satterfield, John C. ..... Mississippi
Sayre, Charles A. (10) ..... Southern New Jersey
Scarborough, Mrs. Alice (5) ..... Mississippi
Schairer, Jane (6) ..... Detroit
Schneidereit, Harry (1) ..... German Democratic Republic
Schoenlein, Charles F. (3) ..... Northern New York
Schoenly, Claude (3) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Schowengerdt, Louis W. (4) ..... Missouri West
Schreiber, Lyle (E) (3) ..... Minnesota
Schwiebert, Erwin H. (9) ..... Oregon-Idaho
Scott, Ralph L. (3) ..... Missouri West
Seals, Woodrow (6) ..... Texas
Seamands, David A. (1) ..... Kentucky
Searle, John C., Jr. (E) (9) ..... West Ohio
Sears, Kathryne (7) ..... Iowa
Seiler, Ralph H. (10) ..... Southwest Texas
Self, Eddie (8) ..... North Alabama
Seymour, Alick Spurzin (7) ..... Delhi
Shamblin, J. Kenneth (2) ..... Texas
Shashaguay, Bernard R. (7) ..... West Michigan
Sheaffer, Lee B. (E) (6) ..... Virginia
Shearer, Daniel L. (E) (2) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Shearer, Paul V. (6) ..... Iowa
Shearer, Wilson A. (E) (4) ..... Baltimore
Shepherd, Paul (8) ..... Louisville
Shipp, Thomas J. (5) ..... North Texas
Shirah, A. Jason (5) ..... South Georgia
Shoemaker, Wayne E. (10) ..... Iowa
Shook, Wallace T. (5) ..... Texas
Shore, Philip L., Jr. (4) ..... Western North Carolina
Shroyer, Lawton (E) (4) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Sides, Curtis D. (10) ..... Kansas East
Siering, Walter A. (2) ..... Northwest Germany
Siess, Robert C. (8) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Sikkenga, Jean S. (9) ..... Detroit
Simpson, John C., Jr. (5) ..... Virginia
Singer, Edgar F. (9) ..... Wyoming
Singh, Robert M. (2) ..... Lucknow
Sites, Leila (E) (6) ..... North Indiana
Skeete, F. Herbert (5) ..... New York
Sloan, Lillian A. (5) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Slutz, Leonard (5) ..... West Ohio
Smart, Rosmund A. (2) ..... North India
Smith, F. Rossing (1) ..... West Virginia

Smith, Harold F., Sr. (8) ..... Southern New England
Smith, Irving L. (9) ..... Oklahoma
Smith, James R. (4) ..... Virginia
Smith, Mrs. Josie (8) ..... Mississippi
Smith, William E. (8) ..... West Ohio
Sneed, Mrs. Maude (6) ..... North Georgia
Soares, Noe D. ..... Angola
Soderholm, Patricia (Mrs. Robert) (5) ..... Wisconsin
Sohl, Joyce D. (E) (7) ..... Rocky Mountain
Soiland, Gustav (1) ..... Norway
Solomon, Samson (8) ..... Madhya Pradesh
Soriano, Benjamin B. (3) ..... Mindanao
Sowder, Jimmy (10) ..... Florida
Spafford, Frieda (E) (7) ..... Detroit
Spain, Robert H. (10) ..... Tennessee
Spear, James E. (4) ..... Central New York
Speer, Aubrey B. (7) ..... Missouri West
Sprouls, J. Clifton (10) ..... Oklahoma
Stacey, John (7) ..... British Methodist
Stambach, Arthur W. (E) (3) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Stansel, Mrs. Elizabeth (5) ..... North Mississippi
Stanton, Charles F. (E) (8) ..... South Indiana
Stants, Nelson E. (E) (8) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Stapleton, Joseph G. (6) ..... Peninsula
Starnes, Billy M. (9) ..... Tennessee
Starr, James A. (4) ..... Detroit
Staubach, William T. (2) ..... New York
Stedman, W. David (4) ..... Western North Carolina
Stein, Neil L. (8) ..... Missouri East
Stephenson, Roy (7) ..... Memphis
Stevens, Robert W. (7) ..... Pacific Northwest
Stevenson, Thomas F. (1) ..... North Alabama
Stewart, Charles H. III (6) ..... Florida
Stich, Siegfried (E) (8) ..... Switzerland-France
Sticher, Hermann (E) (4) ..... South Germany
Stith, Forrest C. (5) ..... Baltimore
Stoecker, Hans-Jurgen (6) ..... Southwest Germany
Stone, Lloyd ..... Tennessee
Stoppel, Jeanie (3) ..... Oregon-Idaho
Streeter, Emmett T. (9) ..... Nebraska
Strickland, Don (7) ..... Texas
Stroman, Pat (3) ..... Central Texas
Strong, Plyna G. (5) ..... West Michigan
Strosahl, Stanford (8) ..... Wisconsin
Stuckey, Paul E. (E) (2) ..... West Ohio
Stumbo, John E. (1) ..... Kansas East
Sublette, Roy (1) ..... Alabama-West Florida
Sukovaty, Norbert (E) (3) ..... Nebraska
Summers, James A. (1) ..... Western North Carolina
Sundin, Robert (E) (1) ..... North Dakota
Susat, Edward C. (4) ..... South Indiana
Swales, William R. (6) ..... Central New York
Sweazy, Albert W. (6) ..... Kentucky
Swofford, Mrs. Ava (6) ..... Missouri East

Talbert, Melvin G. (7) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Talley, James F. W. (2) ..... Baltimore
Tate, Godfrey L., Jr. (1) ..... Virginia
Taylor, Blaine E. (7) ..... Southern New England
Taylor, Eben (2) ..... South Carolina
Taylor, John P. (8) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Taylor, Lawrence R. (E) (6) ..... West Michigan
Taylor, Robert L. (7) ..... North Georgia
Terwilliger, Mrs. Grace (1) ..... Wyoming
Tholin, Richard D. (E) (8) ..... Northern Illinois
Thomas, John J. (1) ..... South Indiana
Thomason, Terry C. (10) ..... Southern New England
Thompson, Annie R. (9) ..... Baltimore
Thompson, Barbara R. (7) ..... Baltimore
Thompson, Glen E. (deceased) ..... Kansas East
Thompson, Gordon G. (4) ..... North Georgia
Thompson, Walter (6) ..... Southern New England
Thurman, Arthur V. (2) ..... California-Nevada
Tolbert, Robert (10) ..... East Ohio
Tooley, Wendell M. (3) ..... Northwest Texas
Totherow, Joe C. (2) ..... Western North Carolina
Treese, Donald H. (4) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Trice, William E. (1) ..... North Texas
Trost, Alice (5) ..... Troy
Trotter, Clifford E. (6) ..... Northwest Texas
Trotter, J. Irwin (2) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Trudeau, Mrs. Danita (5) ..... Alaska Missionary
Truitt, Richard O. (1) ..... Wisconsin
Trundle, John N. (5) ..... Holston
Tubbs, Ruth (Mrs. Vernon) (2) ..... Wisconsin
Tubman, William V. S. Jr. (2) ..... Liberia
Turingan, Feliciano (10) ..... Northern Philippines
Turner, James W. (8) ..... Virginia
Tyler, Charles (1) ..... Northwest Texas

Underwood, Harry K. (3) ..... Baltimore
Underwood, Walter L. (7) ..... Central Texas
Unger, E. Paul (10) ..... Central Illinois
Urbom, Warren K. (6) ..... Nebraska
Usher, Worthie K. (7) ..... Iowa

Vandegriff, Paul M. (1) ..... West Ohio
Vanderpool, Harry (5) ..... New Mexico
Van Sickle, John R. (7) ..... Northern Illinois
Varnell, Sam N., Jr. (8) ..... Holston
Vaughan, William C. (6) ..... Virginia
Velazquez, Jose R. (3) ..... Northern Illinois
Vengco, Nonato U. (3) ..... Middle Philippines
Verdin, Douglas F. (6) ..... New York
Vickers, John E. (6) ..... Alabama-West Florida
Vilmont, Kathy Miller (E) (9) ..... Iowa
Vosburg, Duane (8) ..... Wyoming

Wagner, Blake (E) (8) ..... East Ohio
Wagner, Boyd E. (4) ..... Southern Illinois

Wa Kadilo, Ngoy K. (4) ..... North Shaba
Wake, Lloyd K. (9) ..... California-Nevada
Walker, E. C. (1) ..... Missouri West
Walker, Mrs. Eva (2) ..... North Alabama
Walker, H. Thomas (5) ..... Minnesota
Walker, Leon E. (5) ..... Southern New Jersey
Walker, W. Roland (3) ..... Virginia
Walker, William O. (5) ..... Oregon-Idaho
Walley, F. Lewis (4) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Wallstedt, Olle ..... Sweden
Ward, John W. (4) ..... Missouri East
Warner, Ronald H. (4) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Waterfield, Jim (7) ..... Northwest Texas
Waters, Dale C. (E) (3) ..... West Virginia
Waters, Mrs. Zenobia P. (4) ..... Little Rock
Watson, Harvey L. (4) ..... North Carolina
Watson, Mrs. Martha Boyd (8) ..... North Texas
Watson, Michael (2) ..... South Carolina
Watson, Olive B. (2) ..... Florida
Waugh, R. Paschal (2) ..... Western North Carolina
Wayman, Phyllis Tyler (10) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Weaver, R. Bruce (6) ..... North Texas
Webb, Paul, Jr. (10) ..... North Georgia
Webber, Frank (7) ..... California-Nevada
Weigel, Frank A., Jr. (E) (7) ..... Holston
Welliver, H. Richard (10) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Wert, James A. (6) ..... Wyoming
Weston, Charles H., Jr. (5) ..... West Ohio
White, C. Dale (4) ..... Southern New England
White, Charles D. (2) ..... Western North Carolina
White, Leonard (3) ..... East Ohio
White, Luther W. III (4) ..... Virginia
White, William D. (6) ..... Northern Illinois
White, Woodie W. (2) ..... Detroit
Whitehead, Thomas (8) ..... Oregon-Idaho
Whitten, Dolphus, Jr. (8) ..... Oklahoma
Whitworth, Mrs. Virginia (8) ..... Memphis
Wickett, Jean L. (5) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Wicklein, Helen F. (9) ..... Baltimore
Wieting, Norma (8) ..... Northern Illinois
Wilcox, Barbara B. (5) ..... Florida
Wilcox, Katherine W. (9) ..... West Michigan
Wilcox, Robert L. (6) ..... Holston
Wilde, Barbara J. (E) (5) ..... Pacific Northwest
Wilke, Richard B. (5) ..... Kansas West
Wilken, Alferd E. (E) (8) ..... Iowa
Williams, Charles R. (10) ..... North Georgia
Williams, Frank L. (4) ..... Baltimore
Williams, Gwendolyn B. (10) ..... California-Nevada
Williams, Mrs. Shirley (5) ..... Northern New York
Willis, H. Walter, Jr. (9) ..... Holston
Wilshusen, Mrs. Jo Anne (5) ..... Southwest Texas
Wilson, T. R. (7) ..... North Georgia
Winchester, Clarence M. (8) ..... Western North Carolina
Winter, F. Hauser (7) ..... Missouri West

Winton, Jeanette (8) ..... New York
Wise, Tom (3) ..... Southwest Texas
Wolf, John D. (1) ..... North Indiana
Wolfe, Jeremiah (9) ..... Western North Carolina
Womeldorff, Porter J. (E) (6) ..... Central Illinois
Wonders, Alice (6) ..... Central Texas
Wood, Allison C. (4) ..... Northern New York
Woodard, F. O. ..... Mississippi
Woodfield, Harry C. (3) ..... Wyoming
Woodruff, Mary Eleanor (9) ..... Central Illinois
Woods, Prenza L. (7) ..... Southwest Texas
Woodworth, Elaine J. (10) ..... Pacific Northwest
Woomer, James A. (E) (3) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Wordelman, Marlene (E) (6) ..... Minnesota
Wright, George A. (3) ..... South Georgia
Wulfkuhle, Wesley W. (E) (7) ..... Kansas East
Wykle, Eugene M. (E) (5) ..... Northern Illinois

Yaggy, Mary (5) ..... Iowa
Yesumithra, S. (2) ..... South India
Yingling, L. Carroll, Jr. (1) ..... Baltimore
Young, H. Claude, Jr. (5) ..... Western North Carolina

Zagray, Allan (E) (4) ..... East Ohio
Zellmer, Willard A. (8) ..... Pacific Northwest
Zimmerman, DeWane R. (8) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Zimmerman, Gene (4) ..... Florida
Zimmerman, Virgil (E) (3) ..... East Ohio
Zuniga, Clemente S., Jr. (4) ..... Philippines

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RESERVE DELEGATES

(NOTE: In most cases reserve delegates are those persons, in addition to the General Conference delegates, elected by their annual conferences to serve as delegates to jurisdictional conferences. Under certain circumstances the Credentials Committee of the General Conference recognized additional persons who had been elected as jurisdictional reserves as being eligible to be seated in place of a General Conference delegate. These persons are listed with their annual conference delegations as jurisdictional reserves but are not included in the list which follows.)

Aamodt, Augie ..... Alaska Missionary
Achberger, Madge ..... East Ohio
Ackman, Frederick J. ..... Kansas East
Adams, Allen J. ..... Yellowstone
Adams, Mark ..... Missouri East
Adams, Q. D. ..... North Alabama
Adhav, Shantwan S. ..... Bombay
Adkins, Leon M., Jr. ..... Troy
Albertson, C. Gene ..... Oregon-Idaho
Albright, Thomas H. ..... Pacific Northwest
Aldrich, Charles S. ..... Western New York
Allen, Hugh G. ..... Louisville
Allen, Mrs. James J. ..... Virginia
Allin, Willard ..... Minnesota
Almond, Lawrence F. ..... Southern New England
Amico, Eleanor (Mrs. Joseph) ..... Wisconsin
Anderegg, Joyce (E) (4) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Anderson, Mrs. Betty ..... Northwest Texas
Anderson, Booker T. ..... California-Nevada
Anderson, Gilbert A. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Anderson, Ramona (E) ..... South Dakota
Antle, Benjamin E. ..... North Indiana
Appleby, Harry V. ..... Peninsula
Appleby, William F. ..... North Mississippi
Appling, W. A. ..... Northwest Texas
Armentrout, John W. ..... West Ohio
Arnold, Fred H. ..... Little Rock
Arterburn, Mrs. Jane ..... Louisville
Asbury, John L. ..... Oklahoma
Ashby, Harvey W. ..... Virginia
Ashford, Ms. Dora ..... North Alabama
Atkinson, George H. ..... California-Nevada
Aughinbaugh, Harry E. (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania

Bailen, Esperanza B. ..... Northwest Philippines
Bailey, Kathleen C. ..... Kansas East
Bailey, Paul C. (E) ..... Virginia
Bailey, Paul C. ..... East Ohio

Bailey, Wilfred M. ..... North Texas
Baker, David W. ..... Peninsula
Baker, E. Dorothy M. ..... West Ohio
Ballard, Beulah W. ..... West Ohio
Ballard, Frank I. ..... North Carolina
Bamsey, Alfred T. ..... Detroit
Bane, Mrs. Ruby (2) ..... Central Texas
Bañez, C. Ruben ..... Northern Philippines
Banks, Steve (6) ..... North Carolina
Barber, James L. ..... Rocky Mountain
Barber, Jeff ..... North Georgia
Barker, Paul O. ..... Missouri West
Barnes, William L. ..... Tennessee
Barron, Jose O. ..... California-Nevada
Barrow, Emmitt C. ..... Texas
Barton, Roy D. ..... Rio Grande
Bass, F. Kaye ..... North Indiana
Bastain, Mary L. ..... South Indiana
Bates, Bonnie ..... North Dakota
Batt, Samuel (E) ..... Northern Illinois
Beal, Jim ..... North Arkansas
Bearden, Robert E. L. ..... North Arkansas
Beck, Kenneth ..... Minnesota
Bedarbis, Mary L. ..... Northern New Jersey
Bell, Wilmer V. ..... Baltimore
Benitez, Juan Ri ..... Northern Philippines
Bennett, Charles B. ..... Kansas East
Bennett, Vernon E. (E) ..... West Virginia
Bergland, John K. (E) ..... West Ohio
Bergwall, Jean ..... North Indiana
Berisford, Martin A., Jr. ..... West Virginia
Bethea, Mary E. ..... Western North Carolina
Betts, Charles F. ..... North Alabama
Bhagat, Arvind R. ..... Gujarat
Bickerton, James R. ..... West Virginia
Bideaux, Rene O. ..... Southern New England
Billingsley, Mrs. T. E. ..... Virginia
Bishop, Bernice (E) (2) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Bishop, Bruce H. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Bishop, William E. ..... Baltimore
Black, Felix ..... North Mississippi
Black, Mrs. Jane (10) ..... Missouri West
Blackburn, A. B., Jr. ..... Florida
Blaha, Wesley E. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Blair, Eleanor ..... Oregon-Idaho
Blair, Seaborne ..... North Carolina
Blanchard, Hubert M. ..... Louisiana
Blankenship, H. F. ..... Tennessee
Blansett, Harry B. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Blanton, R. Fisher ..... Oklahoma
Bledsoe, Robert D. ..... Florida
Blickenstaff, Thomas C. (E) ..... Baltimore
Bliven, Owen ..... Western New York
Boddie, Wyatt D. ..... Louisiana
Bohmfalk, Stanley ..... Southwest Texas

Boigegrain, Walter J. ..... Rocky Mountain
Bolander, Robert C. ..... West Ohio
Bond, Nye O. ..... Nebraska
Bondurant, Mrs. Lillian ..... Holston
Booker, J. Vernita ..... Louisiana
Boots, Nora Q. ..... New York
Borradaile, Earl E. ..... Detroit
Bowles, Paul D. ..... Oklahoma
Bowyer, Bonnie (E) ..... West Virginia
Boyd, Dawn ..... Western Pennsylvania
Boyer, Gene (E) ..... East Ohio
Boynton, Mary (E) ..... Northern Illinois
Bradley, Cecil E. ..... Alabama-West Florida
Bramlett, Sam C. ..... Texas
Brand, Gene ..... North Arkansas
Branscomb, Ms. Louise ..... North Alabama
Brantley, Mrs. Joyce ..... South Carolina
Branton, Louis R. ..... Louisiana
Breland, A. Dan (2) ..... Mississippi
Brewer, Otho G. ..... Peninsula
Briggs, Theodore W. ..... Peninsula
Brooks, John C. ..... North Carolina
Broome, Allan R. ..... South Carolina
Brown, Allen L. ..... Louisiana
Brown, Candice ..... Southern New England
Brown, Walter P. ..... East Ohio
Brown, William O. ..... Oklahoma
Brubaker, John D. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Brushett, Donald A. ..... Troy
Bryan, Bill L. (E) ..... Northern Illinois
Buchanan, John ..... East Ohio
Buchleiter, Mildred I. ..... New Mexico
Buckingham, Harold C. ..... New York
Buell, Harold E. ..... Florida
Buffington, Arthur C. ..... Nebraska
Buhler, Don ..... Southern California-Arizona
Buhrman, Doris ..... Florida
Buresova, Mrs. Marta ..... Czechoslovakia
Burke, Harold G. ..... West Virginia
Burket, Marjorie ..... Central Pennsylvania
Burney, Harry L., Jr. ..... Florida
Burns, Alden B. ..... West Michigan
Burrous, Anita J. ..... North Indiana
Burton, John M. ..... Western North Carolina
Butler, Avery ..... East Ohio
Butler, J. Weldon ..... Northwest Texas
Butler, Phyllis P. ..... Baltimore
Butts, Harold ..... Alabama-West Florida
Buxton, Leonard S. (E) ..... New York

Caffrey, William D. ..... Western North Carolina
Cajiuat, Toribio C. ..... Philippines
Calbert, Love C. ..... Louisville
Camp, Mrs. Lacy ..... North Georgia
Campbell, J. Gary ..... Southern New England

Carr, Marvin H. III ..... West Virginia
Carrington, John E. ..... New York
Carroll, B. F. ..... Central Texas
Carver, Donald L. ..... Iowa
Casey, Robert T. ..... Virginia
Cash, Richard L. ..... Florida
Catlin, Dale (E) ..... Central Illinois
Chamberlain, Betty (Mrs. Robert) (E) ..... Wisconsin
Chang, Jonah J. ..... California-Nevada
Charles, John A. ..... Lucknow
Chatterjee, Abhinash Chander ..... Delhi
Chawhan, Jayanand I. ..... Gujarat
Chen, Peter F. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Chester, Milton R. ..... New Mexico
Chiles, Charles E. ..... Virginia
Chisholm, Walter (E) ..... East Ohio
Chitnis, Vinu W. ..... Gujarat
Choi, Charles W. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Chow, W. Jing ..... West Ohio
Chowhan, Stanish K. ..... Gujarat
Churchhill, Kelly ..... Wisconsin
Clark, Donald J. ..... Detroit
Clark, Lambuth M. ..... Virginia
Clarke, Wesley ..... West Ohio
Clayburg, Margaret ..... Iowa
Clayton, William R. (E) ..... South Indiana
Clem, Betty J. (E) ..... Virginia
Clemow, Thomas A. II ..... Wyoming
Cleveland, Howard ..... Alabama-West Florida
Cleveland, Weyman R. ..... South Georgia
Cochran, Harold T. (E) ..... West Ohio
Cockrill, Willard ..... Louisville
Coffin, Wayne W. ..... Oklahoma
Coker, Sam H. ..... North Georgia
Cole, Calvin H. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Cole, Mrs. Lillie B. ..... Memphis
Colescott, Ted ..... Minnesota
Collett, Samuel E. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Collins, John A. ..... New York
Collins, Mabel E. ..... New York
Cooke, George W. ..... Western New York
Cooke, Jack ..... Louisiana
Cooper, Herbert W. ..... North Indiana
Cooper, Mildred ..... Virginia
Corbin, J. Wesley (E) ..... Wisconsin
Corey, Russell ..... Northern Illinois
Cornelius, Mrs. Doris ..... Western North Carolina
Corry, John G. ..... Tennessee
Cotto-Thorner, Alfredo ..... New York
Crabtree, H. Glenn (E) ..... West Ohio
Crandall, J. Roland ..... Iowa
Crawford, Bea ..... Southern California-Arizona
Crawford, Mrs. Mary ..... Texas
Crouch, Edward ..... East Ohio
Crouch, William C. ..... North Texas

Crowell, Robert ..... Northwest Texas
Cuff, G. Wayne ..... Peninsula
Cunningham, Molly E. ..... California-Nevada
Curl, W. E. ..... North Alabama
Curry, James S. ..... Louisville
Cutshall, Robert M. ..... Southern California-Arizona

Dahnke, Mrs. Juanita ..... Central Texas
Dale, Barbara ..... Iowa
Daniel, Mrs. Mary ..... North Georgia
Darnell, James W. ..... Central Texas
Dass, John B. ..... Bombay
Daughtery, Robert M. (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Daughtery, V. L., Jr. ..... South Georgia
Dauner, Frank A. (E) ..... Wisconsin
Davenport, Mrs. E. T. ..... Little Rock
David, Mrs. Anna ..... Denmark
David, Nirmal ..... Lucknow
Davidson, Barney L. ..... North Carolina
Davis, Elwood ..... Southern New Jersey
Davis, Hooker D. ..... Southern New Jersey
Davis, Isaac M., Sr. ..... Liberia
Davis, Jacob ..... West Ohio
Davis, W. C. ..... North Alabama
Decker, Clyde ..... Virginia
Dees, David P. ..... Central Illinois
Deiss, Werner (E) ..... Southwest Germany
Dell, Roosevelt, Jr. ..... Florida
Dement, Frank E., Jr. ..... Mississippi
Deming, J. Roy ..... Wisconsin
Deneke, M. D. ..... North Arkansas
DesAutels, William W. ..... West Michigan
Dice, Howard ..... Northern New York
Dicken, John R. ..... North Indiana
Dickerson, Adolphus S. ..... North Georgia
Dickson, N. A. ..... Mississippi
Diggs, Edwin J. ..... Memphis
Dillard, Frederick D., Jr. ..... Virginia
Dixon, William Edge ..... West Ohio
Djundu, Lungi P. ..... Central Zaire
Dodder, Robert T. ..... Iowa
Dodge, Carlton (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Doggett, Carroll A., Jr. ..... Baltimore
Doggett, John N., Jr. ..... Missouri East
Doliber, Harlow T. ..... Northern New York
Dolliver, James M. ..... Pacific Northwest
Dominick, Frank ..... North Alabama
Donner, James ..... Western Pennsylvania
Dorsey, Harold W. ..... Kentucky
Dowell, Jean ..... Minnesota
Doyle, C. Donald, Sr. ..... New York
Doyle, Mrs. Louise ..... Western North Carolina
Doyle, Penny ..... California-Nevada
Drake, Richard ..... East Ohio
Drees-Lehman, Elizabeth ..... Northern Illinois

Duke, Charles D. ..... Mississippi
Dunlap, Catherine ..... East Ohio
Dunlap, E. Dale ..... Kansas West
Dunn, Merle (E) ..... Minnesota
Dunn, Irene R. ..... West Ohio
Dunnam, Spurgeon M. III ..... North Texas
Durham, Walter T. ..... Tennessee
Dutta, Barun ..... Bengal

Easley, Sarah R. (E) ..... South Indiana
Eaton, Al ..... Wyoming
Edmonds, Claude A. ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Edwards, Esther E. (E) ..... South Indiana
Edwards, John P. ..... North Carolina
Edwards, Lisa ..... North Mississippi
Edwards, Miss S. ..... South India
Eldridge, Edgar A. ..... Holston
Ellington, William D. ..... Pacific Northwest
Ellis, Carolyn ..... South Indiana
Ellis, L. Donald ..... Western North Carolina
Ellis, Othello ..... Northern Illinois
Ellis, S. Blake ..... Maine
Els, Albrecht (E) ..... Southwest Germany
Elsner, Rudolf ..... Northwest Germany
Emerson, Joe G. ..... South Indiana
Emmert, Herman A. (E) ..... West Ohio
Emswiler, Sharon N. ..... Central Illinois
Engel, Robert ..... Iowa
Engelhardt, Christian L. ..... New York
Ensminger, J. Neal ..... Holston
Erwin, Richard C. ..... Western North Carolina
Evans, Eddie ..... Central Texas
Evans, William S. II ..... Memphis
Evatt, Parker ..... South Carolina
Everhart, Frank B. ..... West Virginia
Everhart, Lucille D. ..... West Virginia
Eversley, John C. ..... New York
Ewing, William K. ..... Louisville

Facer, Catherine (E) ..... Central New York
Fagan, Harold ..... Texas
Fair, Edwin ..... Oklahoma
Faris, Richard B. ..... Virginia
Farrell, Leighton K. ..... North Texas
Featherston, R. Jack ..... Oklahoma
Felty, Beverly ..... Virginia
Ferguson, John C. ..... Northern Illinois
Fernandes, Domingos F. ..... Angola
Figgs, Clyde P. ..... Virginia
Finch, David M. ..... Southern New Jersey
Fisher, Albert F. ..... North Carolina
Fitzgerald, Ernest A. ..... Western North Carolina
Flanagan, Hubert L. ..... North Georgia
Fleet, Richard ..... North Georgia
Fletcher, T. R., Sr. ..... Mississippi

Flores, Finees ..... Northern Illinois
Flournoy, Otis R. ..... North Alabama
Floyd, Madge B. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Floyd, William ..... Alabama-West Florida
Foote, Doris (Mrs. Harold) ..... Wisconsin
Forrest, Peggy (E) ..... East Ohio
Forsberg, Clarence J. ..... Nebraska
Foster, James B. ..... West Ohio
Franceschi, Francisco ..... Puerto Rico
Franklin, Denson N. ..... North Alabama
Frank, John R. (E) ..... Baltimore
Franks, James S. ..... Holston
Frazer, E. Eugene ..... West Ohio
Frazer, Ted, Jr. ..... Louisville
Frazier, Clyde C., Jr. ..... Louisiana
Freeman, Patrick (4) ..... Kansas East
Freeman, William C. ..... Virginia
Freemyer, Pat Bennett (Mrs. Wes) ..... North Arkansas
French, Burton L. ..... Virginia
Frevert, Albert W. ..... West Michigan
Frey, John H. ..... Nebraska

Gadia, Daniel E. ..... Mindanao
Gaither, Marvin ..... North Arkansas
Galbraith, Dorothy E. ..... Northern New Jersey
Gallaway, Ira ..... Central Illinois
Gard, Jean (Mrs. John) ..... Missouri East
Garibay, Limerio C. ..... Mindanao
Garrick, Martha ..... North Carolina
Gattis, Irene F. ..... North Carolina
Gausdal, Hans ..... Norway
Gebhart, Judith G. (E) ..... West Ohio
Gee, Mrs. Barbara ..... Southwest Texas
Geissbühler, Theo (E) ..... Switzerland-France
Gerig, Carroll ..... Missouri East
Ghitalla, Jack P. ..... Central Illinois
Gibbs, John R. ..... Southwest Texas
Gibson, Jack M. ..... North Texas
Gilbert, John C. ..... Southwest Texas
Gilbert, Ron ..... Oklahoma
Giles, David A. ..... Troy
Gilts, George E. (E) ..... West Ohio
Glass, Dorlis B. ..... North Texas
Glass, George (E) ..... Iowa
Glazier, Lois B. ..... Wyoming
Goddard, George ..... Central Illinois
Goff, Hardin A. ..... Florida
Gohil, Theophil G. ..... Gujarat
Gooch, John O. ..... Missouri East
Goode, H. Leonard ..... Northern New Jersey
Goodwin, B. C. ..... New Mexico
Goodwin, Edith ..... Florida
Gordon, Betty S. ..... West Virginia
Gordon, Harry M. ..... Wyoming
Gordon, Jinny ..... Central Illinois

Gordon, Robert W. ..... Missouri East
Gorman, Fran S. ..... Central Pennsylvania
Graham, Walter A. (10) ..... Louisville
Grant, John A., Jr. (E) ..... Florida
Grant, Raymond S., Jr. ..... Kansas East
Grant, Robert E. ..... Northern New Jersey
Grauberger, Bruce L. (E) ..... Rocky Mountain
Green, Dorothea S. ..... South Indiana
Green, Mareyjoyce ..... East Ohio
Green, James R. ..... Holston
Greene, Marjorie ..... New York
Greenhaw, Frank W. ..... North Texas
Gribler, Maurice D. (E) (deceased) ..... West Ohio
Griffin, Karen J. ..... Central Illinois
Grimes, Mrs. Effie Nell ..... Southwest Texas
Grossman, William B., Jr. ..... Western New York
Gruen, Wayne ..... Pacific Northwest
Grumbein, Percy, Jr. (E) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Guinn, Chester L. ..... Iowa
Gundlach, Mrs. Betty B. ..... Western New York
Gustafson, M. O. ..... North Georgia

Haase, Becky ..... Southern California-Arizona
Hagan, Theodore ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Hahn, Robert (E) ..... East Ohio
Hahs, Billy G. ..... Southern Illinois
Hall, Billy F. ..... Alabama-West Florida
Hamby, Warren C. ..... North Alabama
Hamilton, Beverly ..... East Ohio
Hamilton, Charles P. ..... Florida
Hammersla, Edgar W. ..... Baltimore
Hancock, Eugene H. ..... Iowa
Hancock, Maurice M. ..... Peninsula
Hann, Edwin F., Jr. ..... Southern New Jersey
Hanna, Lois (E) ..... Southern California-Arizona
Hannah, Joseph (E) ..... Baltimore
Harada, David J. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Harding, Richard E. ..... Southern New England
Hargrove, B. Milton ..... Northern New Jersey
Harper, H. C. ..... Mississippi
Harrington, Mrs. Eunice ..... Nebraska
Harris, Dale C. ..... Oregon-Idaho
Harris, Jack D. ..... Kansas West
Harshman, David T. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Hart, William G. ..... Northern New York
Hartmann, George O. ..... West Michigan
Hartsfield, Paul L. ..... Florida
Hartz, Mrs. A. Paul ..... Virginia
Hassinger, Susan W.(E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Hatch, Lee E. ..... Florida
Hatch, Monroe C. ..... Florida
Hawkins, Donald M. ..... West Ohio
Hayes, Melvin (E) ..... East Ohio
Haygood, W. H. ..... Texas
Haynes, Donald W. ..... Western North Carolina

Hayward, C. Douglas ..... California-Nevada
Heacock, Jack D. ..... Southwest Texas
Heath, Paul H. ..... Iowa
Heflin, James M. ..... Texas
Heiser, Leslie W. ..... Central Illinois
Heitzman, Eldon H. ..... Central Illinois
Helms, Jewell (8) ..... North Indiana
Henderson, Cornelius L. ..... North Georgia
Henderson, John ..... Southern Illinois
Hendryx, Donna ..... Louisiana
Hensley, Basil A. ..... West Virginia
Herbert, Hugh S. ..... Yellowstone
Hernandez, Miguel, Jr. ..... Rio Grande
Herr, Philip II ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Herrmann, Erich (E) ..... Southwest Germany
Heslar, George W. ..... Missouri East
Hess, John ..... East Ohio
Hicks, Granville A. ..... South Carolina
Hierholzer, Elmer J. ..... Southwest Texas
Hildreth, John ..... Alabama-West Florida
Hill, Floyd C. ..... Oregon-Idaho
Hillis, J. Ralph ..... North Arkansas
Hilton, Roger E. ..... Holston
Hilts, Mildred ..... Southern California-Arizona
Hinson, William H. ..... South Georgia
Hinzman, Parker L. (E) ..... West Virginia
Hipp, J. C. ..... South Carolina
Hippel, George N. ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Hobson, Fred C. ..... Western North Carolina
Hodges, Joe D. ..... Texas
Hoefner, Lisa J. ..... New York
Hogg, William ..... East Ohio
Hollis, Robert ..... Southern Illinois
Holm, Carl ..... Sweden
Hook, Eve ..... North Dakota
Hook, James S. (E) ..... North Indiana
Hopkins, Martin W. ..... Central Pennsylvania
Horn, Russell, Sr. ..... Central Pennsylvania
Houston, David C. ..... New York
Houston, Jamie G., Jr. ..... North Mississippi
Houston, Lawrence E., Jr. ..... South Georgia
Howe, Clarice M. ..... Northern New Jersey
Howe, Robert C. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Howes, John B. ..... Central Pennsylvania
Huffman, Velma ..... Rocky Mountain
Hughes, Harold H., Sr. ..... Virginia
Hughes, Kathi ..... Virginia
Hughlett, William S. ..... Florida
Hull, Evelyn B. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Hull, Sam J. ..... North Mississippi
Humphrey, L. A. ..... Texas
Hundley, Fran ..... Wisconsin
Hunt, C. H. ..... Tennessee
Hunt, Kenneth W. ..... West Ohio

Hunter, Duncan ..... North Alabama
Hyatt, Mrs. Marie ..... Missouri West

Ives, Jane P. ..... Maine
Iwig, James H. (E) ..... Kansas West

Jackson, James L. ..... North Georgia
Jackson, Rhett ..... South Carolina
James, William E. ..... Louisville
Janes, Noemi ..... Rio Grande
Jarvis, Wayne C. ..... North Arkansas
Jenkins, E. E. ..... South Carolina
Jenkins, H. James ..... Oregon-Idaho
Jerome, J. Emmett ..... South Carolina
Jimenez, Bienvenido J. ..... Northern Philippines
Johns, Carol J. ..... Detroit
Johnson, Mrs. Agnes B. ..... Holston
Johnson, Carolyn E. ..... North Indiana
Johnson, Mrs. Clara ..... Southwest Texas
Johnson, Nobia (Mrs. Howard) ..... North Arkansas
Johnson, Norman R. ..... South Georgia
Johnson, Rhonda ..... Western Pennsylvania
Johnson, Shephard S. ..... Southern New England
Joiner, Donald J. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Jones, J. Karl ..... Kansas West
Jones, Mrs. Marion (1) ..... South Carolina
Jones, Norwood L. ..... North Carolina
Jones, Phil M. ..... South Carolina
Jorgensen, Niels Chr. (8) ..... Denmark
Joyner, Travis Lea ..... Louisiana

Kaatz, Torrey A. (E) (8) ..... West Ohio
Kahl, Norman ..... Wisconsin
Kalenga, Ngoi ..... North Shaba
Karstetter, Bruce R. ..... Central New York
Kaseke, N. ..... Rhodesia
Keck, Otto ..... South Germany
Keenan, Ione ..... Troy
Keller, Charles W., Jr. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Keller, Gloria (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Kellermann, Garfield H. (E) ..... Detroit
Kelley, Robert ..... East Ohio
Kelly, Harold R. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Kemper, John Q. ..... Kentucky
Kennaugh, John H. (E) ..... West Michigan
Kerber, Phil S. ..... Iowa
Key, W. R. ..... South Georgia
Kim, Thomas K. ..... Northwest Texas
Kimbrough, Lloyd H. ..... Alabama-West Florida
Kimes, R. Robert ..... West Ohio
King, Arnold K., Sr. ..... North Carolina
King, Ms. Martha ..... North Georgia
Kinnard, W. Cannon ..... Missouri East
Kinnett, W. R. ..... South Carolina
Kirk, Arthur R. ..... East Ohio

Kirkland, H. Burnham ..... New York
Kirkman, John W. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Klein, Gertrude C. ..... Southern New Jersey
Knight, Deborah S. ..... Oklahoma
Knisley, Roger (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Knudsen, Harold C. ..... Rocky Mountain
Kopp, Lamar W. (E) ..... Baltimore
Kotiah, Mallela J. ..... Hyderabad
Krause, Gerald A. ..... Wisconsin
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Kruse, Lowen V. ..... Nebraska
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Kull, Erich ..... Switzerland-France
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Kyst, Erik (10) ..... Denmark

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Langer, Horst (E) ..... German Democratic Republic
Langston, D. Glen ..... Virginia
Lasley, Virginia (Mrs. Ralph) ..... Missouri East
LaSuer, Donald F. ..... North Indiana
Lawler, Larry L. ..... Central Illinois
Lawson, Sam (E) ..... Red Bird Missionary
Leach, Robert B. (E) ..... Western New York
Leaming, James M. ..... Nebraska
Lee, Vernon L., Jr. ..... Central New York
Leighton, Mildred L. (E) ..... Central Illinois
Lembke, Glen ..... Southwest Texas
Lemke, Richard A. (E) ..... Western New York
Lewis, Edward B. ..... Baltimore
Lewis, W. R. ..... North Alabama
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Lightner, George S. ..... Virginia
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Grove, William B. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Guittard, Clarence A. ..... North Texas
Hallman, Julieanne S. ..... Southern New England
Harkness, Leonard ..... Minnesota
Henderson, Mattie M. ..... West Ohio
Henton, Jack H. ..... Memphis
Hodapp, Leroy C. ..... South Indiana
Hundley, George ..... North Alabama
Huston, Ralph B. ..... Florida
Hutchinson, Orion N., Jr. ..... Western North Carolina
Jones, Mrs. Marion ..... South Carolina
Jordon, Louis ..... South Georgia
Kennedy, Anna F. ..... Central Illinois
Kerr, Charles S. ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Kirkwood, William C. ..... New York
Kreager, Max W. ..... Iowa
Lanning, Dean A. ..... Northern New Jersey
Lavery, Barbara W. ..... Baltimore
Lewis, William B. ..... Southern Illinois
Love, Elza L. ..... Texas
Luciani, Janet ..... Detroit
Lugo, Michael ..... Southern California-Arizona
McDermott, George W. ..... North Indiana
Mahon, Eldon B. ..... Central Texas
Mann, Robert L. ..... Central New York
Meier, Wilma L. (E) ..... Kansas West
Melius, Arthur R. ..... Troy
Moore, Lester L. ..... Iowa
Myers, Calvin ..... East Ohio
O'Day, Ralph ..... Peninsula
Oehler, Carolyn (E) ..... Northern Illinois
Olson, Lois (E) ..... Wisconsin
Parker, Richard S. ..... New York
Patch, Dorothy ..... Oregon-Idaho
Persons, William R. ..... Rocky Mountain
Petteway, Warren B. ..... North Carolina
Plowman, Howard L. ..... Oklahoma
Pullen, Harry A., Jr. ..... Louisville
Reavley, Tom ..... Southwest Texas
Revels, P. B. ..... Florida
Rice, H. Dan ..... North Georgia
Riggin, Don L. ..... Little Rock
Roberts, Ms. Marilyn ..... North Georgia
Rowlett, Martha G. ..... California-Nevada
Schneidereit, Harry ..... German Democratic Republic
Seamands, David A. ..... Kentucky
Smith, F. Rossing ..... West Virginia
Söiland, Gustav ..... Norway
Stevenson, Thomas F. ..... North Alabama
Stumbo, John E. ..... Kansas East
Sublette, Roy ..... Alabama-West Florida
Summers, James A. ..... Western North Carolina
Sundin, Robert (E) ..... North Dakota
Tate, Godfrey L., Jr. ..... Virginia

Terwilliger, Mrs. Grace ..... Wyoming
Thomas, John J. ..... South Indiana
Trice, William E. ..... North Texas
Truitt, Richard O. ..... Wisconsin
Tyler, Charles ..... Northwest Texas
Vandegriff, Paul M. ..... West Ohio
Walker, E. C. ..... Missouri West
Wolf, John D. ..... North Indiana
Yingling, L. Carroll, Jr. ..... Baltimore

No. 2
CONFERENCES

To this committee shall be referred all petitions and resolutions relating to *The Book of Discipline*, Pars. 7-47; 67; 601-70; 831-36; 1283; 1444.

Suggested subcommittees, if desired: *(a)* General and Jurisdictional; *(b)* Annual and District; *(c)* Central and Missionary Conference, Missions, and Affiliated Autonomous Churches.

Place of Meeting: Room 27, Assembly Hall.

Chairperson—*Bruce Blake* (Kansas West)
Vice-Chairperson—Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania)
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Agbisit, Andrea A. ..... Mindanao
Anderson, Rodney D. ..... Rocky Mountain
Arthur, Donald R. ..... Iowa
Ashema, Mukandu D. ..... Central Zaire
Bahule, Andre N. ..... Southeast Africa
Baker, Jane C. ..... West Ohio
Baker, Leo L. ..... North Texas
Bane, Mrs. Ruby ..... Central Texas
Barto, Reta ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Beltran, Rodolfo C. ..... Middle Philippines
Benedyktowicz, Witold K. ..... Poland
Beppler, Ronald ..... Southern New Jersey
Berry, George ..... North Mississippi
Bischoff, John W. (E) ..... Red Bird Missionary
Bishop, Bernice (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Blake, Bruce ..... Kansas West
Bond, R. H. ..... Memphis
Bowers, Robert D. ..... Alaska Missionary
Bozeman, W. Scott ..... Florida
Bray, Jerry G., Jr. ..... Virginia
Breland, A. Dan ..... Mississippi
Broyles, J. E. ..... Tennessee
Carlisle, Bob ..... Oklahoma
Charles, Samuel ..... Agra
Chidzikwe, Josiah ..... Rhodesia
Clymer, Betty (E) ..... East Ohio

Coffman, Floyd H. ..... Kansas East
Cooke, Raymond J. ..... Peninsula
Cotton, W. D. ..... Louisiana
Crain, Dight W. ..... Southern New England
Crawford, Ray M. (E) ..... South Indiana
Deere, Mrs. Joann ..... Oklahoma Indian Missionary
Doe, David S. ..... Liberia
Edgar, Charles E. ..... Central Pennsylvania
Egger, Darris L. ..... Northwest Texas
Fannings, Helen ..... Northern Illinois
Forehand, George H. ..... North Carolina
Freites, Moises ..... Puerto Rico
Gardner, Robert W. ..... Kentucky
Garza, Oscar O. IV ..... Rio Grande
Gatdula, Balbino E., Jr. ..... Philippines
Geible, Merrell D. (E) ..... North Indiana
Gill, Rehmat Masih ..... Bengal
Goens, Ray W. ..... Texas
Harris, Justin N. ..... Bombay
Harris, William M. ..... Southwest Texas
Hartman, Tom E. ..... Kansas West
Hayward, Mrs. Rachel ..... Central New York
Hefley, Charles E. ..... North Indiana
Heisel, Eldred B. (E) ..... West Ohio
Hernandez, Victoria ..... Puerto Rico
Hulit, Kenneth (E) ..... East Ohio
Jarvis, Charles S. ..... Northern Illinois
Jayaprabhu, E. ..... South India
Johnson, Harold G., Sr. ..... Baltimore
Jordan, Ben F. ..... North Arkansas
Karls, Harold M. ..... Detroit
Khyalie, Charles S. ..... Moradabad
Kimbrough, R. E. ..... North Alabama
Knight, W. Carlton ..... Missouri West
Knight, William E. ..... Virginia
Kreager, Marjorie ..... Iowa
Krech, Walter D. ..... Central Illinois
Kumar, Dilip ..... Lucknow
Lal, Manohar ..... Moradabad
Larson, Norma ..... Minnesota
Lawson, David J. ..... South Indiana
Lawson, Norman R. ..... Pacific Northwest
Lee, Alice ..... Alabama-West Florida
Lind, Mrs. Birgit ..... Sweden
Lovern, J. Chess ..... Oklahoma
Lundquist, C. David ..... West Michigan
McCallum, James H. ..... North Carolina
McCartt, J. Spurgeon ..... Holston
McConnell, Sam P. ..... Holston
McCormick, Gerald A. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
McQuary, Thomas R. ..... Louisville
Marsland, Irving A., Jr. ..... New York
Martin, S. Walter ..... South Georgia
Mikkelsen, John H. ..... Nebraska
Miller, John I. ..... British Methodist

Moats, Diane ..... Southern California-Arizona
Moore, Eugene J. (E) ..... Central Illinois
Nettleton, James L. ..... Southern Illinois
Osborn, John F. (E) ..... West Ohio
Penicela, Almeida ..... Southeast Africa
Pickett, Mrs. Elizabeth ..... North Georgia
Richards, Cecil T. ..... North India
Riley, Negail R. ..... Little Rock
Risinger, Melvin S. ..... West Virginia
Roughface, Thomas, Sr. ..... Oklahoma Indian Missionary
Ruff, William H. ..... North Georgia
Ryan, Mary E. (E) ..... West Virginia
Shamblin, J. Kenneth ..... Texas
Shearer, Daniel L. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Siering, Walter A. ..... Northwest Germany
Singh, Robert M. ..... Lucknow
Smart, Rosmund A. ..... North India
Staubach, William T. ..... New York
Stuckey, Paul E. (E) ..... West Ohio
Talley, James F. W. ..... Baltimore
Taylor, Eben ..... South Carolina
Thurman, Arthur V. ..... California-Nevada
Totherow, Joe C. ..... Western North Carolina
Trotter, J. Irwin ..... Southern California-Arizona
Tubbs, Ruth (Mrs. Vernon) ..... Wisconsin
Tubman, William V. S., Jr. ..... Liberia
Walker, Mrs. Eva ..... North Alabama
Watson, Michael ..... South Carolina
Watson, Olive B. ..... Florida
Waugh, R. Paschal ..... Western North Carolina
White, Charles D. ..... Western North Carolina
White, Woodie W. ..... Detroit
Yesumithra, S. ..... South India

No. 3
DISCIPLESHIP

To this committee shall be referred all petitions and resolutions relating to *The Book of Discipline*, Pars. 3; 68-70; 981-1076.

Suggested subcommittees, if desired: *(a)* Evangelism, Worship, and Stewardship; *(b)* Lay Life and Work; *(c)* Education; *(d)* Doctrine and Doctrinal Statements and the General Rules.

Place of Meeting: Room 28, Assembly Hall.

Chairperson—Wesley Bailey (Western North Carolina)
Vice-Chairperson—Rosalie J. Bentzinger (Iowa)
Secretary—Judy M. Gilreath (North Texas)

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Abel, Paul F. ..... New York
Allen, Joe B. ..... Texas

Atkinson, Sydney H. ..... New York
Bailey, Joe, Jr. ..... North Mississippi
Bailey, Wesley ..... Western North Carolina
Barger, Rebecca K. ..... Baltimore
Bashore, George W. (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Bell, James M. ..... Tennessee
Bentzinger, Rosalie J. ..... Iowa
Bertholf, Lloyd M. ..... Central Illinois
Bingham, Clifford H. (E) ..... South Indiana
Black, Clair W. ..... Northern New Jersey
Blackstone, Barbara ..... Western Pennsylvania
Boyd, William T. ..... Western North Carolina
Boyden, Beverly ..... New Hampshire
Burkhalter, Lucille F. ..... New Mexico
Carter, Fletcher ..... South Carolina
Chapman, A. Frank ..... Peninsula
Cleveland, Millard C. ..... Florida
Close, Phyllis E. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Colaw, Emerson S. ..... West Ohio
Condrey, Betty S. ..... West Ohio
Cooper, Joel A. ..... North Arkansas
Courtney, Robert ..... East Ohio
Cummings, Hazel ..... Northern Illinois
Dauner, Immanuel (E) ..... Southwest Germany
Del Pino, Jerome K. ..... Southern New England
Drinkard, Ms. Lee ..... North Georgia
Duncan, Edward L. ..... Detroit
Dykes, David L., Jr. ..... Louisiana
Ekin, Floy J. ..... Central Illinois
Elmore, S. J. ..... North Alabama
Emerick, Jack F. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Enke, Karl-Heinz (E) ..... German Democratic Republic
Farley, Thomas K. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Fenner, Donald D. (E) ..... Wisconsin
Francis, John L. ..... West Michigan
French, Edith ..... Troy
Furman, Frank H., Jr. ..... Florida
Garrick, Grier L. ..... North Carolina
Gilreath, Mrs. Judy M. ..... North Texas
Goodwin, Louise ..... West Ohio
Gray, C. Jarrett, Sr. ..... Missouri West
Gray, Ethel M ..... Florida
Gray, Michael ..... Wisconsin
Grissom, Thomas P. ..... California-Nevada
Gsell, Theo ..... Switzerland-France
Hager, Cornelius R. ..... Kentucky
Hanks, Stanley ..... Minnesota
Harding, Joe A. ..... Pacific Northwest
Hawkins, J. Clinton ..... Missouri East
Hayes, Clare J. ..... Kansas East
Hicks, Kenneth W. ..... Nebraska
Hicks, L. T. (E) ..... Oklahoma
Hitchcock, William C. ..... Detroit
Holmes, Robert C. ..... South Indiana
Homer, Robert L. ..... Central New York

Immanuel, Jacket B. ..... Hyderabad
Ives, S. Clifton ..... Maine
Jefferson, A. G. ..... Virginia
Johnson, John G. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Jones, Gerald H. ..... North Indiana
Jordan, Bert ..... Mississippi
Kamwashi, Mujinga ..... North Shaba
Kellow, M. K. ..... Texas
Kesler, Becky ..... Southern California-Arizona
Kite, Joseph H., Jr. ..... Western New York
Kuehl, Werner ..... Northwest Germany
Landis, Theodore E. ..... Virginia
Ling, Carl C. ..... West Ohio
Lippman, Roland A. ..... Southern Illinois
McGehee, Coleman H. ..... Alabama-West Florida
McReynolds, Marvin D. ..... Kansas West
Malac, Vlastislav ..... Czechoslovakia
Mason, William G. ..... Southern New Jersey
Mast, Jacob W. ..... Virginia
Masters, L. D. ..... Tennessee
Mather, P. Boyd ..... Iowa
Mealiff, Lester C. ..... Iowa
Mercer, Charles H. ..... North Carolina
Meredith, Richard P. ..... Little Rock
Myers, T. Cecil ..... North Georgia
Nightingale, C. B. (Chappy) ..... Yellowstone
Peters, James C. ..... Western North Carolina
Pevahouse, Joe ..... Memphis
Pfisterer, Fred R. ..... Louisville
Phipps, James E. ..... West Virginia
Potthoff, Harvey H. ..... Rocky Mountain
Pulver, Merle B. (E) ..... Oklahoma
Quesenberry, Mrs. Lois ..... Holston
Rathod, Raiji M. ..... Gujarat
Reeves, Ms. Nina ..... North Alabama
Reid, William C. ..... South Carolina
Sagar, Sisa M. ..... Agra
St. Clair, Ben B. ..... Holston
Schoenlein, Charles F. ..... Northern New York
Schoenly, Claude ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Schreiber, Lyle (E) ..... Minnesota
Scott, Ralph L. ..... Missouri West
Soriano, Benjamin ..... Mindanao
Stambach, Arthur W. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Stoppel, Jeanie ..... Oregon-Idaho
Stroman, Pat ..... Central Texas
Sukovaty, Norbert (E) ..... Nebraska
Tooley, Wendell M. ..... Northwest Texas
Underwood, Harry K. ..... Baltimore
Velazquez, Jose R. ..... Northern Illinois
Vengco, Nonato U. ..... Middle Philippines
Walker, W. Roland ..... Virginia
Waters, Dale C. (E) ..... West Virginia
White, Leonard ..... East Ohio
Wise, Tom ..... Southwest Texas

Woodfield, Harry C. ..... Wyoming
Woomer, James A. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Wright, George A. ..... South Georgia
Zimmerman, Virgil (E) ..... East Ohio

No. 4
HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY

To this committee shall be referred all petitions and resolutions relating to *The Book of Discipline,* Pars. 50-59; 301-400; 501-8; 1189-1253;1281.

Suggested subcommittees, if desired: *(a)* Colleges and Universities, *(b)* Schools of Theology; *(c)* Ordained Ministry; *(d)* Chaplains and Related Ministries; *(e)* Lay Ministries and Personnel.

Place of Meeting: Room 25, Assembly Hall.

Chairperson—*Thomas A. Langford* (Western North Carolina)
Vice-Chairperson—Paul Hardin III (Northern New Jersey)
Secretary—Lenora F. Clark (Texas)

Members

Abbott, Inger ..... Maine
Anderegg, Joyce (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Beaty, J. Harold ..... Memphis
Beeman, Paul J. ..... Pacific Northwest
Bender, Gordon R. (E) ..... Wisconsin
Bjork, Virgil V. ..... North Indiana
Blessing, Roy E. (E) ..... West Virginia
Boda, Harold L. (E) ..... West Ohio
Bolleter, Heinrich ..... Switzerland-France
Bonds, Alfred ..... East Ohio
Boulton, Edwin C. ..... Iowa
Bridges, Ramsey M. ..... West Virginia
Brittain, Thomas N. ..... South Carolina
Bryant, Richard B., Jr. ..... North Carolina
Burtner, Robert W. ..... Oregon-Idaho
Byler, Robert A. ..... West Ohio
Cain, Richard W. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Caswell, Bervin O. ..... New Mexico
Chibanguza, Alec ..... Rhodesia
Christianson, Lyle ..... Minnesota
Clark, Lenora F. ..... Texas
Clark, Wesley E. ..... Louisville
Clay, Willie B. ..... Northern Illinois
Crawford, David L. ..... West Michigan
Davis, George (E) ..... North Indiana
Dotts, Ted J. ..... Northwest Texas
Drake, Ernest R. ..... New Hampshire
Duffey, Paul A. ..... Alabama-West Florida

Dunn, Van Bogard ..... East Ohio
Durham, Donald W. ..... Kentucky
Flinchbaugh, James E. (E) ..... West Ohio
Fogleman, Clarence M., Jr. ..... Kansas West
Freeman, Patrick ..... Kansas East
Germond, Robert E. ..... Wyoming
Grigsby, R. L., Jr. ..... South Carolina
Halvorsen, Carl W. ..... Southern New Jersey
Hamilton, Richard E. ..... South Indiana
Handy, William T., Jr. ..... Louisiana
Hardin, Paul ..... Northern New Jersey
Hardt, John W. ..... Texas
Harrington, Richard W. ..... Western New York
Hemphill, William ..... Peninsula
Henry, William R. ..... Oklahoma
Herrick, Marvin V. (E) ..... Nebraska
Humphrey, John D., Sr. ..... North Mississippi
Hutcherson, Guy K. ..... South Georgia
Isaacs, Miriam (E) ..... New York
James, William M. ..... New York
Johnson, Joseph T. ..... Northern Illinois
Jones, Jameson ..... Rocky Mountain
Kalaf, Walter N. ..... Florida
Kallstad, Thorvald E. ..... Sweden
Kesler, N. Robert ..... Southern California-Arizona
King, John T. ..... Southwest Texas
Knecht, David ..... North Dakota
Lady, R. Andrew ..... Central Pennsylvania
Lamb, Raymond R. ..... Detroit
Lance, Bert ..... North Georgia
Langford, Thomas A. ..... Western North Carolina
Leggett, J. W., Jr. ..... Mississippi
Lien, Olaf ..... Norway
Long, Carroll H. ..... Holston
Loyd, W. Harold ..... Central Illinois
McDonald, Charles P. ..... North Arkansas
McKenzie, Anne ..... Tennessee
Marty, Wayne (E) ..... Iowa
Mayo, George W. ..... South Georgia
Meyer, Samuel L. ..... West Ohio
Minnick, Carlton P., Jr. ..... Virginia
Montgomery, Allen D. ..... North Alabama
Montgomery, Ed ..... North Alabama
Moore, John V. ..... California-Nevada
Moore, Richard V. ..... Florida
Moorhead, Edwin E. ..... Mississippi
Morris, William W. ..... Tennessee
Naff, George E., Jr. ..... Holston
Nichols, Frank A. ..... Iowa
Norgate, Jennifer ..... British Methodist
Oden, Tal ..... Oklahoma
Outler, Albert C. ..... North Texas
Patrick, William H., Jr. ..... Louisiana
Patton, Luther A. ..... Troy
Reeves, Richard E. ..... Central Illinois

Roberts, Sidney ..... Central Texas
Rutter, Kenneth P. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Schowengerdt, Louis W. ..... Missouri West
Shearer, Wilson A. (E) ..... Baltimore
Shore, Philip L., Jr. ..... Western North Carolina
Shroyer, Lawton (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Smith, James R. ..... Virginia
Spear, James E. ..... Central New York
Starr, James A. ..... Detroit
Stedman, W. David ..... Western North Carolina
Sticher, Hermann (E) ..... South Germany
Susat, Edward C. ..... South Indiana
Thompson, Gordon G. ..... North Georgia
Treese, Donald H. ..... Central Pennsylvania
Wagner, Boyd E. ..... Southern Illinois
Wa Kadilo, Ngoy K. ..... North Shaba
Walley, F. Lewis ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Ward, John W. ..... Missouri East
Warner, Ronald H. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Waters, Mrs. Zenobia P. ..... Little Rock
Watson, Harvey L. ..... North Carolina
White, C. Dale ..... Southern New England
White, Luther W. III ..... Virginia
Williams, Frank L. ..... Baltimore
Wood, Allison C. ..... Northern New York
Zagray, Allan (E) ..... East Ohio
Zimmerman, Gene ..... Florida
Zuniga, Clemente S., Jr. ..... Philippines

No. 5
GLOBAL MINISTRIES

To this committee shall be referred all petitions and resolutions relating to *The Book of Discipline*, Pars. 1077-1188; 1284-89; 1443.

Suggested subcommittees, if desired: *(a)* Missions; *(b)* Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns; *(c)* Health and Welfare Ministries; *(d)* Education and Cultivation.

Place of Meeting: Room 24, Assembly Hall.

Chairperson—*Forrest C. Stith* (Baltimore)
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Secretary—*Alva H. Clark* (Nebraska)

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Alguire, Frances ..... Northern Illinois
Baidya, Sukumar ..... Bengal
Bailen, Gregorio R. ..... Northwest Philippines
Beard, Jean J. ..... West Virginia
Biddle, Homer Glenn (E) ..... West Ohio
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Born, Ethel W. ..... Virginia

Brabham, A. McKay, Jr. ..... South Carolina
Brooks, D. W. ..... North Georgia
Bruckner, B. M. ..... Northwest Texas
Burge, Donald ..... East Ohio
Burns, Mrs. Marjorie ..... Central Texas
Buttrey, D. R. ..... Tennessee
Butts, Thomas L. ..... Alabama-West Florida
Buxton, Dorothy R. ..... Kentucky
Carroll, Kathryn ..... California-Nevada
Carruth, Mrs. Augusta ..... South Georgia
Chase, Charles ..... Central New York
Christopher, Sharon B. ..... Wisconsin
Cies, Herbert A. ..... Yellowstone
Clark, Alva H. ..... Nebraska
Clive, Elliot D. ..... Delhi
Close, Robert L. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Collins, Claude R. ..... West Virginia
Compton, Mary A. ..... Louisiana
Coots, Fred H., Jr. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Crawford, Gene P. (E) ..... South Indiana
Crist, Dollie ..... Florida
Crocker, Hugh D. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Cummings, Simeon F. ..... North Carolina
Cummins, Marlene S. ..... Southern Illinois
Dammann, Arlene ..... East Ohio
Davis, Frank W. ..... Oklahoma
Dimmler, Rolf ..... South Germany
Dorsett, Jean ..... North Carolina
Downie, Gerald L. ..... Central Illinois
Dunlap, J. Edward ..... Little Rock
Eutsler, Ralph K. ..... Virginia
Evans, Mary Lou ..... Southern New England
Fenstermacher, Anita ..... North Indiana
Ferris, Mrs. Yvonne ..... Nebraska
Fields, Richard E. ..... South Carolina
Galindo, Jose ..... Rio Grande
Garrett, C. Dendy ..... Iowa
Georg, Irene L. ..... Kansas West
Gierhart, B. Willis ..... North Indiana
Gist, Lucy ..... Western North Carolina
Gordon, Mrs. Myrtle ..... North Alabama
Graham, Joseph R. (E) ..... West Ohio
Haining, Kathleen ..... Minnesota
Hedberg, Alfred A. ..... Florida
Holland, Bettilou ..... Northern New Jersey
Horton, Robert E. (E) ..... Detroit
Hutchinson, Charles L. ..... North Alabama
Ibasco, Abelardo ..... Northern Philippines
Johnson, Richard E. ..... Kansas East
Jones, Donald J. ..... Central Illinois
Jones, L. Bevel III ..... North Georgia
Lambdin, Mrs. Ruby (E) ..... Red Bird Missionary
Lashford, Mrs. Cathy ..... Wyoming
Longenecker, Robert P. (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Ludwig, Lois S. ..... South Indiana

Lundy, John T. ..... Holston
McGuire, Douglas L. ..... Louisiana
Magdowski, Axel ..... Northwest Germany
Mann, Charles L. (E) ..... Baltimore
May, Felton E. ..... Peninsula
Morton, Hallie ..... Texas
Murray, Jerry D. ..... Western North Carolina
Mutombu, Kayij ..... Southern Zaire
Nicholson, Anne ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Norris, Irene T. ..... Detroit
Osment, Mildred ..... North Arkansas
Peters, Rhoda A. ..... Louisville
Plummer, Kenneth ..... Central Pennsylvania
Poe, George E. ..... Missouri West
Ramer, Lloyd W. ..... Memphis
Robinson, Ruth ..... Rocky Mountain
Rollins, William B. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Russell, John W. ..... Oklahoma
Samson, Restituto F. ..... Northwest Philippines
Scarborough, Mrs. Alice ..... Mississippi
Shipp, Thomas J. ..... North Texas
Shirah, A. Jason ..... South Georgia
Shook, Wallace T. ..... Texas
Simpson, John C., Jr. ..... Virginia
Skeete, F. Herbert ..... New York
Sloan, Lillian ..... Western Pennsylvania
Slutz, Leonard ..... West Ohio
Soderholm, Patricia (Mrs. Robert) ..... Wisconsin
Stansel, Mrs. Elizabeth ..... North Mississippi
Stith, Forrest C. ..... Baltimore
Strong, Plyna G. ..... West Michigan
Trost, Alice ..... Troy
Trudeau, Mrs. Danita ..... Alaska Missionary
Trundle, John N. ..... Holston
Vanderpool, Harry ..... New Mexico
Walker, H. Thomas ..... Minnesota
Walker, Leon E. ..... Southern New Jersey
Walker, William O. ..... Oregon-Idaho
Weston, Charles H., Jr. ..... West Ohio
Wickett, Jean L. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Wilcox, Barbara B. ..... Florida
Wilde, Barbara J. (E) ..... Pacific Northwest
Wilke, Richard B. ..... Kansas West
Wilkening, Walter ..... Missouri East
Williams, Mrs. Shirley ..... Northern New York
Wilshusen, Mrs. Jo Anne ..... Southwest Texas
Wykle, Eugene M. (E) ..... Northern Illinois
Yaggy, Mary ..... Iowa
Young, H. Claude, Jr. ..... Western North Carolina

No. 6
LOCAL CHURCH

To this committee shall be referred all petitions and resolutions relating to *The Book of Discipline*, Pars. 48, 49; 101-63; 1419-44.

Suggested subcommittees, if desired: *(a)* Membership; *(b)* Local Church Property; *(c)* Charge Conference and Administrative Board and its Committees; *(d)* Council on Ministries, Work Areas, and Coordinators.

Place of Meeting: Room 29, Exhibit Hall

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Abbott, William H. ..... Alabama-West Florida
Bailey, E. A. ..... North Mississippi
Bailey, William P. ..... Memphis
Banks, Steve ..... North Carolina
Blomquist, Paul F. ..... Detroit
Bobbitt, Pauline ..... Southern California-Arizona
Bott, LeRoy (E) ..... Kansas West
Brandyberry, Abraham (E) ..... East Ohio
Brawn, J. Melvin (E) ..... California-Nevada
Butz, Earl H. ..... South Dakota
Campney, Arthur B. ..... Iowa
Cariker, C. E. ..... South Georgia
Carson, Joseph T., Jr. ..... Virginia
Cheney, Edward B. ..... Southern New Jersey
Chrisentery, Inez W. ..... Louisiana
Conklin, Rowland S. ..... Troy
Cramer, Irene (Mrs. Solomon) (E) ..... Wisconsin
Cromwell, Thomas L. ..... East Ohio
Curry, J. W., Sr. ..... South Carolina
Darling, Howard H. ..... New York
Delp, W. Owen, Jr. (E) ..... West Ohio
Dille, Robert E. (E) ..... West Virginia
Dillon, Orville E. ..... Western North Carolina
Doggett, Herbert L. D. ..... Baltimore
Drinkard, Eugene T. ..... North Georgia
Duecker, R. Sheldon ..... North Indiana
Durr, Ransom ..... North Alabama
Easley, John J. (E) ..... South Indiana
English, Susie ..... Oklahoma
Entler, Fred P. ..... Holston
Finkbeiner, Melvin M. ..... Pacific Northwest
Frankovsky, Miroslav ..... Czechoslovakia
French, Vernon C. ..... Western New York
Gramling, Mrs. Marion ..... South Carolina
Gwyer, Herbert L. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Hand, Don ..... Southwest Texas
Hasler, Freda (E) ..... Southern Illinois
Hawemann, Gerhard (E) ..... German Democratic Republic
Hess, Wayne C. (E) ..... Central Illinois
Humbel, Herbert ..... Switzerland-France
Hunt, Clark W. ..... Northern New Jersey
Keeley, Virgil D. ..... Little Rock
Kellam, Harold B. ..... Virginia

Koenig, Robert W. (E) ..... South Indiana
Krueger, Delton ..... Minnesota
Kuczma, Jolanta ..... Poland
Kurtz, Merwin R. (E) ..... Kansas East
Lang, Francis ..... East Ohio
Lash, H. Donald (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Lennartson, Walter S. ..... Northern Illinois
Lenox, Asbury ..... Texas
Luton, Mrs. O. S. ..... Tennessee
McAdams, Emil D. ..... Louisville
McConnell, Calvin D. ..... Rocky Mountain
McVey, Charles B. (E) ..... West Ohio
McWhorter, John L. ..... Western North Carolina
Mann, George M. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Matheny, Robert M. ..... Mississippi
Miller, Harry L. (E) ..... West Virginia
Moore, George C. (E) ..... Missouri West
Morgan, Robert C. ..... North Alabama
Myers, Paul E. ..... Central Pennsylvania
Neese, William J. ..... North Carolina
Newman, Ernest W. ..... Florida
Oden, William B. ..... Oklahoma
Page, Conrad M., Jr. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Patterson, William G. ..... West Ohio
Peiffer, Harold S. (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Rathod, John B. ..... Gujarat
Ross, Martha S. ..... Baltimore
Rowan, James C. ..... Florida
Schairer, Jane ..... Detroit
Seals, Woodrow ..... Texas
Sheaffer, Lee B. (E) ..... Virginia
Shearer, Paul V. ..... Iowa
Sites, Leila (E) ..... North Indiana
Sneed, Mrs. Maude ..... North Georgia
Stapleton, Joseph G. ..... Peninsula
Stewart, Charles H. III ..... Florida
Stoecker, Hans-Jurgen ..... Southwest Germany
Swales, William R. ..... Central New York
Sweazy, Albert W. ..... Kentucky
Swofford, Mrs. Ava ..... Missouri East
Taylor, Lawrence R. (E) ..... West Michigan
Thompson, Walter ..... Southern New England
Trotter, Clifford E. ..... Northwest Texas
Urbom, Warren K. ..... Nebraska
Vaughan, William C. ..... Virginia
Verdin, Douglas F. ..... New York
Vickers, John E. ..... Alabama-West Florida
Weaver, R. Bruce ..... North Texas
Wert, James A. ..... Wyoming
White, William D. ..... Northern Illinois
Wilcox, Robert L. ..... Holston
Womeldorff, Porter J. (E) ..... Central Illinois
Wonders, Alice ..... Central Texas
Wordelman, Marlene (E) ..... Minnesota

No. 7
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

To this committee shall be referred all petitions and resolutions relating to *The Book of Discipline,* Pars. 837-48; 852-96; 907-53; 1254-63.

Suggested subcommittees, if desired: *(a)* Finance and Administration; *(b)* Pensions; *(c)* Publishing Interests.

Place of Meeting: Room 23, Assembly Hall

Chairperson—Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio)
Vice-Chairperson—Barbara Thompson (Baltimore)
Secretary—*William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming)

Members

Aguilar, Clifford B. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Allen, Charles L. ..... Texas
Barrett, James S. ..... South Carolina
Bevins, C. Rex ..... Nebraska
Bittner, Dwight M. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Blundell, John ..... Little Rock
Borger, Clarence ..... Kansas West
Boro, Nayan K. ..... Madhya Pradesh
Boswell, George M. ..... North Texas
Brannon, William C. ..... North Alabama
Brogdon, Elizabeth S. ..... Southern New Jersey
Carey, Abraham ..... Wisconsin
Carraway, James L. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Carter, Earl B. ..... North Arkansas
Cherry, William T. ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Code, Allen L., Sr. ..... South Carolina
Cole, T. Winston ..... Florida
Crockett, Granville D. ..... North Mississippi
Dailey, Charles ..... East Ohio
Dellit, Harold W. (E) ..... Iowa
DeLong, Dale F. (E) ..... West Ohio
Dilgard, Charles K. (E) ..... West Ohio
Drennan, Merrill W. ..... Baltimore
Droke, Clifford S. ..... California-Nevada
Fink, Harold H. ..... Virginia
Fitts, Mrs. Gladys M. ..... Tennessee
Forbes, J. Kenneth ..... South Indiana
Foster, Betty Jean ..... Minnesota
Gates, Matthew H. ..... New York
Goodwin, Robert B. ..... Northern New Jersey
Guinivan, Thomas W. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Hancock, C. Wilburne ..... South Georgia
Hanna, Ellen R. ..... Central Illinois
Hermann, Theodor ..... Southwest Germany
Jones, G. Eliot ..... Mississippi
Kirby, Wallace H. ..... North Carolina
Kistler, Richard E. (E) ..... North Indiana
Knox, J. Lloyd ..... Florida
McCormack, James H. ..... West Ohio

McIntosh, Burt A. ..... Central Illinois
McMullin, Nancy ..... Missouri East
Madison, J. Clay ..... Western North Carolina
Majors, R. Powell ..... Western North Carolina
Martin, Paul D., Jr. ..... Virginia
Mason, L. K. ..... Louisiana
Mayfield, Robert G. ..... Kentucky
Messmer, William K. (E) ..... West Ohio
Metzel, Mrs. Mary ..... Oklahoma
Milligan, Thomas ..... Central New York
Mixson, Rex M. ..... Alabama-West Florida
Mohney, Ralph W. ..... Holston
Moore, Thomas (E) ..... East Ohio
Norman, Marianne (E) ..... North Indiana
Northfelt, Merlyn W. ..... Northern Illinois
Nusbaum, Betty L. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Olfermann, Wolfgang ..... Northwest Germany
Oliphint, Benjamin R. ..... North Texas
Oot, Arthur B., Jr. ..... Northern New York
Overton, Vivian P. ..... New York
Peters, Lloyd A. ..... Oklahoma
Praetorius, E. Russell (E) ..... Minnesota
Price, Carl E. ..... Detroit
Quickel, Harold H. (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Redding, Mrs. Viola ..... Western North Carolina
Reid, William W., Jr. ..... Wyoming
Roberts, Roger G. ..... West Virginia
Robey, William T., Jr. ..... Virginia
Russell, John B. ..... Virginia
Rutland, Walter B. ..... Florida
Sears, Kathryne ..... Iowa
Seymour, Alick Spurzin ..... Delhi
Shashaguay, Bernard R. ..... West Michigan
Sohl, Joyce D. (E) ..... Rocky Mountain
Spafford, Frieda (E) ..... Detroit
Speer, Aubrey B. ..... Missouri West
Stacey, John ..... British Methodist
Stephenson, Roy ..... Memphis
Stevens, Robert W. ..... Pacific Northwest
Strickland, Don ..... Texas
Talbert, Melvin G. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Taylor, Blaine E. ..... Southern New England
Taylor, Robert L. ..... North Georgia
Thompson, Barbara R. ..... Baltimore
Townes, Ross E. ..... North Carolina
Underwood, Walter L. ..... Central Texas
Usher, Worthie K. ..... Iowa
Van Sickle, John R. ..... Northern Illinois
Waterfield, Jim ..... Northwest Texas
Webber, Frank ..... California-Nevada
Weigel, Frank A., Jr. (E) ..... Holston
Wilson, T. R. ..... North Georgia
Winter, F. Hauser ..... Missouri West
Woods, Prenza L. ..... Southwest Texas
Wulfkuhle, Wesley W. (E) ..... Kansas East

No. 8
COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

To this committee shall be referred all petitions and resolutions relating to *The Book of Discipline*, Pars. 824-30; 849-51; 897-906.

Suggested subcommittees, if desired: *(a)* Council on Ministries; *(b)* Communications, Information, Public Relations; *(c)* Program and Benevolence Interpretation; *(d)* General Advance.

Place of Meeting: Room 32, Exhibit Hall

Chairperson—*G. Ross Freeman* (South Georgia)
Vice-Chairperson—Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania)
Secretary—Mary A. Hampton (Missouri West)

Members

Andrews, David H. (E) ..... Baltimore
Appelgate, William P. ..... Iowa
Bauman, Larry A. ..... North Georgia
Byrnside, Connie (Mrs. David) ..... South Carolina
Carper, Donald E. (E) ..... Kansas West
Cheyne, Robert D. ..... North Arkansas
Clark, Mrs. Helen Marie ..... Nebraska
Clark, Roy C. ..... Tennessee
Cline, John M. ..... North Carolina
Colpitts, A. Hunter (E) ..... North Indiana
Conoway, Merlin D. ..... North Mississippi
Cooper, Earle N. ..... Troy
Cooper, Kenneth ..... Alabama-West Florida
Cope, Abigail J. ..... Northern New Jersey
Daugherty, Ruth (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Dekle, Joe B. ..... North Georgia
Eaton, Harry B. ..... Virginia
Fanning, O. B. ..... Florida
Flint, Mrs. Persis ..... South Dakota
Ford, F. B. ..... New Mexico
Freeman, G. Ross ..... South Georgia
Gehres, J. Philip ..... New York
Gibbs, M. McCoy ..... Florida
Gilmore, Paul G. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Glasgow, Francis ..... East Ohio
Good, Mary ..... Detroit
Gray, Mrs. Vivienne ..... Texas
Grenfell, John N. ..... Detroit
Hampton, Mrs. Mary A. ..... Missouri West
Harris, Velma M. ..... South Indiana
Hearn, James W. ..... Louisiana
Helms, Jewell ..... North Indiana
Henderson, Herb H. ..... West Virginia
Henry, Luther W., Sr. ..... Central Texas
Hershberger, George (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Jackson, Leslie ..... East Ohio
Jetter, Richard (E) ..... South Germany
Johnson, Charles L. ..... South Carolina
Johnston, Paula ..... Rocky Mountain

Jones, Everett R. ..... Baltimore
Jones, Hughey L. ..... West Ohio
Jorgensen, Niels Chr. ..... Denmark
Kaatz, Torrey A. (E) ..... West Ohio
LaPoint, Kathy ..... California-Nevada
Lee, Clay F., Jr. ..... Mississippi
Lee, Ernest W. ..... Southern New Jersey
Lutrick, Charles E. ..... Northwest Texas
McCleskey, Wayne H. ..... Texas
McCune, Robert J. ..... Central New York
Mabee, Marilynn ..... Southern California-Arizona
Manson, Frances M. ..... Kansas East
Martin, George W. ..... Little Rock
Meares, John M. ..... North Carolina
Meier, Karl ..... German Democratic Republic
Meyer, Lester A. ..... Oklahoma
Minsker, John H. ..... Western New York
Nestler, Frank H. ..... Central Illinois
Peacock, H. Eugene ..... Western North Carolina
Pohl, Keith I. ..... West Michigan
Purdham, Charles ..... Minnesota
Richardson, Ted ..... Southwest Texas
Rider, John R. ..... Southern Illinois
Roberts, Leigh ..... Wisconsin
Rountree, Alvin L. ..... Central Illinois
Russell, Patti B. ..... Virginia
Self, Eddie ..... North Alabama
Shepherd, Paul ..... Louisville
Siess, Robert C. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Smith, Harold F., Sr. ..... Southern New England
Smith, Mrs. Josie ..... Mississippi
Smith, William E. ..... West Ohio
Solomon, Samson ..... Madhya Pradesh
Stanton, Charles F. (E) ..... South Indiana
Stants, Nelson E. (E) ..... Western Pennsylvania
Stein, Neil L. ..... Missouri East
Stich, Siegfried (E) ..... Switzerland-France
Strosahl, Stanford ..... Wisconsin
Taylor, John P. ..... Central Pennsylvania
Tholin, Richard D. (E) ..... Northern Illinois
Troy, Jean ..... Holston
Turner, James W. ..... Virginia
Varnell, Sam N., Jr. ..... Holston
Vosburg, Duane ..... Wyoming
Wagner, Blake (E) ..... East Ohio
Watson, Mrs. Martha Boyd ..... North Texas
Whitehead, Thomas ..... Oregon-Idaho
Whitten, Dolphus, Jr. ..... Oklahoma
Whitworth, Mrs. Virginia ..... Memphis
Wieting, Norma ..... Northern Illinois
Wilken, Alferd E. (E) ..... Iowa
Winchester, Clarence M. ..... Western North Carolina
Winton, Jeanette ..... New York
Zellmer, Willard A. ..... Pacific Northwest
Zimmerman, DeWane R. ..... Southern California-Arizona

No. 9
INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONS

To this committee shall be referred all petitions and resolutions relating to *The Book of Discipline*, Pars. 1264-80; 1282.

Suggested subcommittees, if desired: *(a)* Religion and Race; *(b)* Archives and History; *(c)* Status and Role of Women.

Place of Meeting: Room 31, Exhibit Hall

Chairperson—*Hector Navas* (Florida)
Vice-Chairperson—Doris M. Handy (Western Pennsylvania)
Secretary—*H. Sharon Howell* (Kansas East)

Members

Ambler, Elizabeth ..... Southern New England
Anderson, Beverly J. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Anderson, Pam O. ..... North Indiana
Baker, Blanche M. ..... British Methodist
Brown, Kim ..... Memphis
Bryant, Thomas V. ..... South Indiana
Burkhalter, Mrs. Lois ..... South Carolina
Campbell, Berlin T. ..... Southern Illinois
Chen, Yung S. (E) ..... North Indiana
Christopher, Richard L. ..... South Indiana
Christy, John H., Jr. ..... Western North Carolina
Cook, Polly L. ..... Florida
Cooke, Bernadine ..... East Ohio
Cooke, Mary F. ..... Peninsula
Crain, Sarah P. ..... Kentucky
Crosby, Mrs. Lorena I. (E) ..... Western New York
Current, Gloster B. ..... New York
Decker, Hazel M. ..... Texas
Dickerson, E. Robert ..... Alabama-West Florida
Eby, Norma C. ..... Pacific Northwest
Elliott, Avenell R. ..... Kansas West
Emurian, Ernest K. ..... Virginia
Epps, A. C. ..... North Georgia
Fishbeck, Royal B., Jr. ..... Troy
Galvan, Elias G. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Goebel, Horst ..... Southwest Germany
Haberman, Joyce ..... Minnesota
Handy, Doris M. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Hardin, Nadine (Mrs. P. H.) ..... North Arkansas
Hayes, Robert E., Sr. ..... Texas
Heilman, Geraldine B. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Hernandez, Frances ..... California-Nevada
Higgins, Mrs. Ann ..... Missouri West
Higgins, David R. (E) ..... Central Pennsylvania
Holmes, Zan, Jr. ..... North Texas
Horton, Howard J. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Hostetter, Mark J. (E) ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Howell, H. Sharon ..... Kansas East
Jenkins, Daniel C. ..... West Ohio

Jolley, Delbert E. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Jordan, Charles W. ..... Northern Illinois
Kemmerly, J. R. ..... Louisiana
Kennedy, Stanley C. ..... Iowa
Leatherman, Harold F. ..... North Carolina
Loyd, Martha E. ..... West Virginia
Mackay, James A. ..... North Georgia
Mann, Marjorie ..... North Carolina
Markham, Mrs. Becky ..... Oklahoma
Miller, Harriet L. (E) ..... West Ohio
Moore, J. Barcus ..... Southwest Texas
Namwan, Kat ..... Southern Zaire
Navas, Hector (E) ..... Florida
Nees, Forrest ..... East Ohio
Newman, Omega ..... South Carolina
Nieves, Jon R. ..... Rocky Mountain
Onema, Ekoko L. ..... Central Zaire
Pike, Don M. ..... Central Texas
Randitt, Ina ..... South Georgia
Rivera, Eli S. ..... Northern New Jersey
Rowe, J. Edgar ..... Virginia
Rust, Norma A. ..... New York
Rutland, John E. ..... North Alabama
Saito, Perry H. ..... Wisconsin
Schwiebert, Erwin H. ..... Oregon-Idaho
Searle, John C., Jr. (E) ..... West Ohio
Sikkenga, Jean S. ..... Detroit
Singer, Edgar F. ..... Wyoming
Smith, Irving L. ..... Oklahoma
Starnes, Billy M. ..... Tennessee
Streeter, Emmett T. ..... Nebraska
Thompson, Annie R. ..... Baltimore
Vilmont, Kathy Miller (E) ..... Iowa
Wake, Lloyd K. ..... California-Nevada
Wells, Cathy ..... Mississippi
Wicklein, Helen F. ..... Baltimore
Wilcox, Katherine W. ..... West Michigan
Willis, H. Walter, Jr. ..... Holston
Wolfe, Jeremiah ..... Western North Carolina
Woodruff, Mary Eleanor. ..... Central Illinois

No. 10
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

To this committee shall be referred all petitions and resolutions relating to *The Book of Discipline*, Pars. 1, 2, 4-6; 60-66; 801-23; 1290-92; 1401-18; 1445; 1501-60; 1701-06.

Suggested subcommittees, if desired: *(a)* General Boards, Commissions, and Agencies; *(b)* Church Property; *(c)* Judicial Administration and Enabling Acts.

Place of Meeting: Room 30, Exhibit Hall

Chairperson—*David A. Duck* (South Georgia)
Vice-Chairperson—*Wayne E. Shoemaker* (Iowa)
Secretary—Gwendolyn B. Williams (California-Nevada)

Members

Ade, C. H. (E) ..... North Indiana
Agnew, Theodore L. ..... Oklahoma
Albrecht, Robert (E) ..... Northern Illinois
Asano, Milton K. ..... Southern California-Arizona
Ash, John L. III ..... Mississippi
Backus, Arthur G. ..... West Virginia
Barnes, Bryce ..... Central Illinois
Beatty, William M. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Black, Jane ..... Missouri West
Brown, Rainsford A., Sr. ..... Iowa
Callis, Kenneth R. ..... Detroit
Campbell, Foy ..... Alabama-West Florida
Clary, Doris (E) ..... East Ohio
Clem, Paul L. ..... North Alabama
Cooney, C. Douglas ..... Baltimore
Crump, Ed. L., Jr. ..... Memphis
Dillard, Robert L., Jr. ..... North Texas
Dodson, Thurman L. ..... Baltimore
Doty, Arthur L. ..... Troy
Douglas, Willard H., Jr. ..... Virginia
Duck, David A. ..... South Georgia
Easter, Paul M. ..... Western Pennsylvania
Eckel, Sherman B. (E) ..... Western New York
Ether, Horace F. ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Froe, D. W. ..... West Virginia
Gibson, Nelson ..... North Carolina
Graham, Walter A. ..... Louisville
Grant, Nicholas W. ..... North Carolina
Greenwaldt, William M. ..... Central Texas
Gruver, Esdras S. ..... Virginia
Hardcastle, James C. ..... Peninsula
Harris, Robert M. ..... Nebraska
Hoover, Theressa ..... New York
Kent, Harry ..... South Carolina
Knupp, Robert E. ..... Central Pennsylvania
Kyst, Erik ..... Denmark
Lorch, Basil, Jr. ..... South Indiana
Lupo, C. J., Jr. ..... South Carolina
McDonnell, C. Durward ..... Florida
McPherson, William ..... Minnesota
Matthews, Marjorie S. ..... West Michigan
Mayes, Allen M. ..... Texas
Mevis, Joyce (Mrs. Lawrence) ..... Wisconsin
Minus, Paul M. ..... West Ohio
Montgomery, John C., Jr. ..... Missouri East
Mugler, Walter F. (E) ..... Kansas West
Naylor, Edward R. ..... Rocky Mountain
Nelson, Mrs. Fletcher ..... Western North Carolina
Nichols, Henry H. ..... Eastern Pennsylvania
Nicholson, R. Herman ..... Western North Carolina

Norris, Alfred L. ..... Louisiana
Ragsdale, Mrs. Martha ..... Holston
Ratnam, Darsi J. ..... Bombay
Redmond, Charles D. (E) ..... West Ohio
Rhone, Raymond D. ..... Texas
Sayre, Charles A. ..... Southern New Jersey
Seiler, Ralph H. ..... Southwest Texas
Shields, Joseph W. ..... West Ohio
Shoemaker, Wayne E. ..... Iowa
Sides, Curtis D. ..... Kansas East
Sowder, Jimmy ..... Florida
Spain, Robert H. ..... Tennessee
Sprouls, J. Clifton ..... Oklahoma
Thomason, Terry C. ..... Southern New England
Tolbert, Robert ..... East Ohio
Turingan, Feliciano ..... Northern Philippines
Unger, E. Paul ..... Central Illinois
Wayman, Phyllis Tyler ..... Southern California-Arizona
Webb, Paul Jr. ..... North Georgia
Welliver, H. Richard ..... Central Pennsylvania
Williams, Charles R. ..... North Georgia
Williams, Gwendolyn B. ..... California-Nevada
Woodworth, Elaine J. ..... Pacific Northwest

(Note: All paragraph numbers in the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order refer to the 1972 Book of Discipline.—*Editor)*

"The plan of organization and rules of order of the General Conference shall be the plan of organization and rules of order as published in the journal of the preceding General Conference until they have been altered or modified by the action of the General Conference." (Discipline, ¶ 607.)

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

I. OPENING SESSION AND ORGANIZATION

The General Conference shall assemble on the day fixed and at the place designated in accordance with the action taken by the preceding General Conference or the Commission on the General Conference. The Holy Communion shall be celebrated by the Conference, the Council of Bishops being in charge. The opening business session of the Conference shall be on the day and at the hour fixed by the Commission on the General Conference and shall be called to order by the bishop designated, as provided in ¶ 15 § 11 of the *Discipline.*

The following order of business shall be observed:

A. Roll Call. The roll shall be called by the Secretary of the General Conference in the following manner:

(1) There shall be called the names of the bishops who have died since the adjournment of the preceding General Conference, and likewise the names of delegates-elect who have died.

(2) The record of attendance shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the General Conference by:

(a) The Secretary of the Council of Bishops for the bishops,

(b) The Secretary of the Judicial Council for that body,

(c) The General Secretary of the General Council on Ministries for all general and executive secretaries, and

(d) The chairperson of each delegation for its membership. The chairperson shall be provided with a blank form on which to report in writing the attendance of its members, noting absentees and substitutions, which reports shall be tabulated by the Secretary and published in the *Daily Christian Advocate.* Any reserve seated in the place of a regular delegate shall have been duly elected as a reserve delegate by the Annual Conference, and shall meet the requirements set forth in the *Discipline,* ¶¶ 38-40 as amended by Amendment VIII, ¶ 67. Delegates, including reserves, when the latter are substituted

for a delegate or delegates, shall be seated in the order of their election, except when a reserve is seated temporarily, in which case the reserve shall occupy the seat of the delegate for whom the substitution is made. All delegates arriving after the opening roll call shall be reported by the chairperson of the delegation to the Committee on Credentials, in order to be properly enrolled.

(3) A majority of the whole number of delegates to the General Conference shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (*Discipline*, ¶ 608.)

B. Election of Secretary-Designate (*Discipline*, ¶ 605). The Council of Bishops shall present a nomination from the ministry or lay membership of The United Methodist Church for secretary-designate. Other nominations shall be permitted from the floor. The time of election shall be scheduled during the session by the Agenda Committee. The election, if there be two or more nominees, shall be by ballot. The secretary-designate shall assume the responsibilities of the office of secretary as soon after the adjournment of the General Conference as all work in connection with the session including the preparation, printing and mailing of the *Journal* has been completed (*Discipline* ¶ 606). The exact date of the transfer of responsibility to the secretary-designate shall be determined by the Commission on the General Conference but shall not be later than 12 months after the adjournment of the General Conference.

C. Committee Nominations and Elections. The Council of Bishops shall present nominations or appoint members for the standing administrative committees, and such other nominations as are hereinafter committed to it, for election by the General Conference.

D. Miscellaneous Business.

E. Adjournment.

II. EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

The Quadrennial Address of the Council of Bishops shall be delivered early in the Conference, at such hour as determined by the Commission on the General Conference in consultation with the Council of Bishops.

III. PRESIDING OFFICERS

The presiding officers for the several sessions of the Conference, the opening session excepted (see div. I above), shall be chosen from among the effective bishops in the following manner:

The Council of Bishops shall at the opening session nominate for election by the Conference a Committee on Presiding Officers composed of one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, and one minister and one lay person from among the delegates representing the Annual Conferences outside the United States, and four members at large. The Committee on Presiding Officers shall establish a continuing pool of five names of bishops from which group the presiding officer shall be selected by the committee. Each bishop shall be given reasonable notice of selection for this pool, but subsequent to being selected and notified shall be available for assignment as presiding officer at any session. The committee shall be free to select a bishop for more than one session, whenever it seems advisable.

IV. SECRETARIAL STAFF

(1) The Secretary of the General Conference elected as hereinbefore provided shall be responsible for all functions of the office in preparation for the session of the General Conference following that election. The Secretary shall serve until all work in connection with the session for which such preparation was made has been completed; shall keep the record of proceedings of all sessions of the General Conference; shall compile and edit a Handbook for The General Conference; and shall edit the official Journal of the General Conference.

(2) The Conference shall elect, upon nomination by the Secretary, a Coordinator of Calendar who shall assist the Committee on Calendar in presenting reports in such an order so as to expedite the business of the Conference, as well as in other responsibilities of the committee. (See VI-A (2).)

(3) The Conference shall elect, upon the nomination of the Secretary, such assistant secretaries from the ministry or lay membership of The United Methodist Church as it may deem wise.

(4) The work of the Secretary shall be supervised by the Commission on the General Conference. A budget for the work of the Secretary shall be presented by the Commission on the General Conference to the General Council on Finance and Administration. Such budget shall be paid out of the General Administration Fund.

(5) If in the interim of the quadrennial sessions of the General Conference the office of Secretary shall for any reason be vacated, the Council of Bishops shall elect a successor to serve until the next session.

V. ENTERTAINMENT AND PROGRAM

There shall be a Commission on the General Conference composed of one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction and four members at large who shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference for a term of eight years, half of whom shall be elected by the General Conference each quadrennium. The Secretary of the General Conference, the Treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration and the Director of the Convention Bureau shall also be members ex-officio but without vote. If vacancies occur, the Council of Bishops shall elect successors to serve until the next session of the General Conference and then nominate for election by the General Conference persons to serve any remainder of the term. The Commission shall elect two additional members at large for each quadrennium.

The Council of Bishops shall designate one of its members to convene and organize the Commission before the adjournment of the General Conference.

This Commission shall determine the place and time (within such limits as may be set up by the General Conference) of the next General Conference and shall send an official notice to all elected delegates announcing specifically the opening day and hour of the General Conference and anticipated time of adjournment. It shall further advise the General Conference delegates in advance of all such special events and orders of the day, the dates and times of which have been determined prior to the opening of General Conference, in order that the delegates may have an overview of the General Conference program. The Commission shall make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith, including arrangements for the publication of a book of quadrennial reports of the general boards and other general agencies of the Church, the same to be published by the United Methodist Publishing House.

The Commission shall plan the schedule for the opening day of the Conference.

The Commission shall recommend to the General Conference the per diem allowance to be paid to the elected delegates.

The Commission shall issue invitations to fraternal delegates after consultation with the Council of Bishops, and shall arrange for their local entertainment for the specific period of time required for their presentation to the General Conference.

The Commission is authorized, if it deems it advisable, to select the site of the General Conference two quadrennia in advance.

VI. COMMITTEES

The General Conference shall have the standing committees hereinafter indicated, with such functions, responsibilities, and limitations respectively as are hereinafter prescribed, and such special committees as it may order.

A. Standing Administrative Committees[1]

(1) **Committee on Agenda.** There shall be a Committee on Agenda.

(a) It shall be composed of twelve members, at least four of whom shall be lay persons, to be constituted as follows: One from each Jurisdiction, one from overseas, four members at large, the chairperson of the Committee on Calendar when elected, and the chairperson or substitute for the Program Chairperson of the Program Committee of the Commission on the General Conference. It shall be appointed by the Council of Bishops at its winter meeting next preceding the meeting of the General Conference from the elected delegates to the General Conference.

(b) The Committee shall be convened by the Secretary of the General Conference at least the day before the opening of the General Conference and shall consult with the Council of Bishops, the Commission on the General Conference and the Secretary of the General Conference concerning pending business.

(c) Following the presentation and adoption of the report of the Commission on the General Conference at the opening session of the General Conference, the Committee on Agenda shall immediately become responsible for helping guide the order of business of the Conference.

(d) To this committee shall be referred all requests for special orders of the day, except those requested in the report of the Commission on the General Conference on the first day of the Conference.

(e) Proposals, questions, communications, resolutions, and other matters not included in the regular business of the General Conference shall be referred to the Committee on Agenda without motion or debate. This committee shall determine whether or not the matter presented shall be considered by the General Conference. Appeal from the decision of this committee may be presented to the Conference upon the written signature of twenty members of the Conference, and the item shall be

[1] The Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order requested and received authority for the Interim Committee "to determine the responsibilities of the Standing Administrative Committees" (*Journal*, page 508).

presented to the Conference if the appeal is supported by a one-third vote.

(f) The Committee on Agenda shall report to each session of the General Conference its recommendations concerning business agenda and time allocations for the various reports and business items, except that at all times the Committee on Calendar shall determine the order in which legislative committee reports shall be presented. Priority shall be given to calendar items as soon as they are available. At the last plenary session of each day a tentative agenda for the next day shall be announced.

(2) **Calendar.** The Committee on Calendar shall be composed of four members, nominated by the Council of Bishops. None of them shall be chairperson of a Standing or Legislative Committee or a member or staff person of any General Board or Agency. The committee, upon advice of the Coordinator of Calendar (IV (2)), shall (a) present calendar reports in such an order so as to expedite the business of the Conference, (b) advise the Committee on Presiding Officers as far ahead as is feasible of the calendar to be considered, (c) inform the presiding bishop of the priority status of the calendar, (d) keep an overview of calendar progress, and (e) give priority to calendar items involving majority and minority reports. The Secretary of the General Conference shall convene the Committee on Calendar.

(3) **Correlation and Editorial Revision.** There shall be a committee of four known as the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. This committee shall be composed of four persons not members of the General Conference, appointed by the Council of Bishops. The Book Editor shall be an ex-officio member. They shall be entitled to travel expense and per diem allowance, the same as the delegates. Two alternates shall be appointed by the Council of Bishops. The function of this committee shall be:

(a) To review all proposed legislation reported in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and that presented in special reports to the General Conference and all legislation enacted by the General Conference. The Committee shall report promptly to the standing committees concerned, or to the General Conference as the situation may warrant, any and all contradictions, duplications, and inconsistencies discovered therein.

(b) To report to the chairpersons of the several standing legislative committees all changes it has made in the language of the reports adopted by the General Conference.

(4) **Courtesies and Privileges.** There shall be a committee of sixteen, composed of one minister and one lay person from each Jurisdiction, one minister and one lay person from among the

delegates representing Annual Conferences outside the United States, and four members at large known as the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, having the following duties and responsibilities:

(a) To consider, as presented to it by members of the Conference, what said members regard as questions or matters of privilege, to decide whether they are such or not, and if they are regarded as being such, to recommend to the Conference that they be heard. (NOTE: Only questions or matters of privilege which are so urgent that they cannot wait for consideration by this committee may be presented immediately to the Conference, as provided in Rule 9.)

(b) Members of the General Conference desiring the adoption of resolutions of commendation, courtesy, appreciation, etc., shall submit them in writing to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges. The committee may initiate similar resolutions and edit and amend those submitted to it. Resolutions approved by the committee shall be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate,* and brought to the floor if the committee considers them of unusual importance or urgency.

(c) To arrange for extending courtesies of the Conference to any to whom they may be due, fraternal delegates and official visitors excepted.

(d) To arrange for a memorial service, at some time agreeable to the Conference, for deceased delegates-elect, and for bishops and general officers of the Church who have died since the adjournment of the last preceding General Conference.

(e) To limit its report, including the statement of the chairperson and the hearing of such persons as may be presented, to a maximum of ten minutes in any one business session. No person or persons shall be presented after the sixth day unless approved by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

(f) To prepare and publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate,* contemporaneously with the list of the nominees for election to the Judicial Council, biographical sketches not to exceed 100 words in length for each nominee.

(5) **Credentials.** There shall be a Committee on Credentials of seven members. To this Committee, the chairpersons of the respective annual conference delegations shall report on a form provided for that purpose any change in seating of delegates, indicating the length of time for which the change shall be effective. Through the *Daily Christian Advocate,* this Committee shall, in turn, report to the Conference all changes in seating which have been reported to it and approved by it. In the event of disapproval, or in connection with any other questions which may

arise regarding the eligibility of seating any delegates, this Committee shall report to the General Conference with its recommendations.

Any request for seating a person other than an elected delegate shall be submitted to the Credentials Committee for its consideration and recommendation.

(6) **Fraternal Delegates.** There shall be a Committee on Fraternal Delegates of nine members, eight of whom shall be appointed by the Council of Bishops from the regularly elected delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the Council of Bishops immediately preceding the General Conference and the Chairperson of the sub-Committee on Fraternal Delegates of the Commission on the General Conference. The Council of Bishops shall designate a temporary chairperson of the committee, who shall call the committee to meet at the seat of the General Conference at least one full day prior to the opening of the Conference. To this committee shall be referred all communications, credentials, and information in the hands of the Secretary or the Council of Bishops relating to fraternal delegates and official visitors.

The function of the committee shall be to extend the courtesies of the Conference to the fraternal delegates and official visitors and present them to the General Conference. The terms "fraternal delegates" and "official visitors" shall be interpreted to include only persons who have been duly elected by the Christian communions of which they are respectively members, to represent the same before the General Conference, who present the appropriate credentials of such elections, and who have been invited through the Commission on the General Conference, after consultation with the Council of Bishops.

In so far as possible the committee shall plan the presentation of such fraternal delegates and official visitors during the first week of the General Conference.

(7) **Journal.** There shall be a committee of seven which shall daily examine the record of the Secretary, comparing it with the stenographic record, and report its findings to the Conference through the *Daily Christian Advocate,* unless a correction needs to be made.

(8) **Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.** There shall be a Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of eleven members. The Secretary of the Conference shall be an ex-officio member and one of the eleven. To this committee shall be referred any proposed amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. (See Rule 40.) To it may be referred any

other matters relating to parliamentary order or procedure in the business of the General Conference.

This committee shall serve as an Interim Committee between sessions of the General Conference and shall restudy the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and, after making such needed changes and adaptations therein as in its judgment are necessary, shall present them to the General Conference for consideration and final action, same to be published in the *Journal* of the General Conference.

The Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference shall be the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as published in the *Journal* of the preceding General Conference until they have been altered or modified by the action of The General Conference. (See *Discipline*, ¶ 607.)

(9) **Presiding Officers.** See div. III above.

(10) **Reference.** There shall be a Committee on Reference composed of one ministerial and one lay representative from each Jurisdiction, at least two of whom shall be lawyers, one minister and one lay person from Annual Conferences outside the United States, and four members at large, to be appointed by the Council of Bishops from the regularly elected delegates to the ensuing General Conference at the winter meeting of the said Council of Bishops preceding the session of the General Conference. This committee shall be convened by the Secretary of the General Conference prior to and at the seat of the General Conference. After ascertaining that the petitions, resolutions, and similar communications dealing with the regular business of the Conference meet the requirements herein specified, this committee shall refer the same to the appropriate standing administrative or legislative committees. This committee shall be responsible for such assignment of all petitions which may be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the opening session, including the Episcopal Address, the book of printed Quadrennial Reports, all reports and recommendations from General Boards, General Councils, Standing or Special Commissions and Committees, and all other communications which shall come into the Secretary's hands after the convening of the General Conference, all of which shall be referred directly to appropriate Legislative Committees without presentation to a plenary session of the General Conference. (Par. 609 of the *Discipline* provides that petitions shall be in the hands of the Secretary not later than forty-five days before the opening of the Conference session; provided, however, the Secretary shall accept up to the opening day petitions from overseas and from Conferences meeting within forty-five days before the General Conference.)

The Committee on Reference may withdraw a paper after having assigned it to a committee, either upon a request or upon its own motion. It may also withhold from reference or publication any document it shall deem improper, promptly advising the author, or authors, thereof of its action in order that an appeal may be made to the Conference if desired. The committee shall publish as promptly as possible in the *Daily Christian Advocate* lists of the communications it has referred to the several standing committees, identifying each by number, title, origin, and destination. Where the Committee finds two or more substantially identical petitions, it may group them under one title and number, indicating the total number of petitions. In the case of a single petition signed by a number of people, the Committee need print only the name of the first signer, with an indication of the total number of signers. No petition shall be assigned by the Committee on Reference to any General Conference committee unless it comes from some organization, minister, or member of The United Methodist Church, and also contains information essential to the verification of the alleged facts concerning its origin.

All petitions should be presented in triplicate. Each should deal with only one general subject, and so far as possible, only one chapter in the *Discipline*. Not more than one petition should be presented on a single sheet of paper.

(11) **Tellers.** There shall be a committee of sixty, to act as tellers for the purpose of reporting on count votes and ballots ordered by the General Conference. The tellers shall be divided into two groups of thirty each. Each group shall have reserve tellers. The Secretary of the General Conference shall appoint tellers and reserve tellers whose names shall be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

B. Standing Legislative Committees[1]

The General Conference shall have the following standing legislative committees, which shall consider all proposals looking toward new legislation or changes in the present legislation of the church, including all reports and recommendations from General Boards, Councils, and Standing or Special Commissions or

[1]The Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order requested and received authority for the Interim Committee: (1) "to harmonize the paragraph numbers of the *Discipline* assigning responsibility of each Legislative Committee for the 1980 General Conference in keeping with the paragraphs as printed in the 1976 *Discipline,"* and (2) "to determine the number and responsibilities of the Legislative Committees for the 1980 General Conference" *(Journal,* page 507).

Committees, and report recommendations relating thereto to the Conference. The term "legislative" as descriptive of the functions of these committees is not to be interpreted with absolute strictness, in as much as they may consider matters calculated to eventuate in the form of advices, resolutions, appeals, etc., as well as in legislation.

(1) **Church and Society.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the statement of Social Principles, social issues, and the work and concerns of the Board of Church and Society. (*Discipline*, Part III, ¶¶ 71-7, and ¶¶ 954-80.) Possible subcommittees:

(a) General Welfare
(b) World Peace
(c) Human Relations
(d) Emerging Social Issues

(2) **Conferences.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the composition and activities of the General, Jurisdictional, Annual, District, and Missionary Conferences, Missions and Affiliated Autonomous Churches, including the Annual and District Conference Councils on Ministries. (*Discipline* ¶¶ 7-47; 601-70; 831-36; 1444.) Petitions relating to Central Conferences shall be referred to the Commission on Central Conference Affairs (*Discipline*, ¶ 1283). The Commission on Central Conference Affairs shall submit its report and any legislative proposals to this committee for study and review. Thereafter, when the Commission on Central Conference Affairs presents its report to the General Conference for action, the committee shall present its recommendations and may propose amendments. Other legislative committees considering legislation affecting the organization of the Annual Conference shall refer such items to this committee with recommendations. Possible subcommittees:

(a) General and Jurisdictional Conferences
(b) Annual and District Conferences
(c) Central and Missionary Conferences, Missions, and Affiliated Autonomous Churches

(3) **Discipleship.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the work and concerns of the Board of Discipleship, Doctrine, Doctrinal Statements, and the General Rules. (*Discipline* ¶¶ 3; 68-70; 981-1076.) Possible subcommittees:

(a) Evangelism, Worship, and Stewardship
(b) Lay Life and Work
(c) Education
(d) Doctrine, Doctrinal Statements, and the General Rules

(4) **Higher Education and Ministry.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the work and concerns of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry or relating to the episcopacy. (*Discipline* ¶¶ 50-59; 301-400; 501-08; 1189-1253; 1281.) Possible subcommittees:

(a) Colleges and Universities
(b) Schools of Theology
(c) Ordained Ministry
(d) Chaplains and Related Ministries
(e) Lay Ministries and Personnel

(5) **Global Ministries.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the work and concerns of the Board of Global Ministries.
(*Discipline* ¶¶ 1077-1188; 1284-89; 1443.) Possible subcommittees:

(a) Missions and Relief
(b) Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns
(c) Health and Welfare Ministries
(d) Education and Cultivation

(6) **Local Church.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the organization of the local church and its membership, boards, councils, commissions, committees, etc., or relating to local church property. Other legislative committees considering legislation affecting the organization of the local church shall refer such items to this committee with recommendations. (*Discipline* ¶¶ 48, 49; 101-63; 1419-44.) Possible subcommittees:

(a) Membership
(b) Local Church Property
(c) Charge Conference and Administrative Board and its Committees.
(d) Council on Ministries, Work Areas, and Coordinators

(7) **Financial Administration.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the work and concerns of the Council on Finance and Administration, the Board of Pensions, and the Board of Publication. The budget and any legislative proposals prepared by the General Council on Finance and Administration shall be submitted to this committee for study and review. Thereafter, when the General Council on Finance and Administration presents its report to the General Conference for action, the committee shall present its recommendations and may propose amendments. (*Discipline* ¶¶ 837-48; 852-96; 907-53; 1254-63.) Possible subcommittees:

(a) Council on Finance and Administration
(b) Pensions

(c) Publishing Interests

(8) **Council on Ministries.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the work and concerns of the General and Jurisdictional Councils on Ministries, the Advance, and the Joint Committee on Communications. The report and any legislative proposals of the General Council on Ministries shall be submitted to this committee for study and review. Thereafter, when the General Council on Ministries presents its report to the General Conference for action, the committee shall present its recommendations and may propose amendments. (*Discipline* ¶¶ 824-30; 849-51; 897-906.) Possible subcommittees:

(a) Council on Ministries
(b) Communications
(c) Program and Benevolence Interpretation
(d) Advance

(9) **Independent Commissions.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the work and concerns of the Commission on Religion and Race, the Commission on Archives and History, and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. (*Discipline* ¶¶ 1264-80; 1282.) Possible subcommittees:

(a) Religion and Race
(b) Archives and History
(c) Status and Role of Women

(10) **Administrative Order.** To this committee shall be referred all petitions, resolutions, etc., relating to the composition and structure of the General Boards, Commissions, and Agencies, Church Property (other than local), and Judicial Administration and Enabling Acts. (*Discipline* ¶¶ 1, 2, 4-6; 60-66; 801-23; 1290-92; 1401-18; 1445; 1501-60; 1701-06.) Possible subcommittees:

(a) General Boards, Commissions, and Agencies
(b) Church Property
(c) Judicial Administration and Enabling Acts

C. Membership of Legislative Committees

Each delegate shall serve as a member of one of the standing legislative committees numbered 1 to 10. Within the Annual Conference delegation each member shall choose from the legislative committees 1 to 10 the committee on which to serve, the choice being made in order of election. For the first General Conference after 1976, the minister first elected shall be entitled to the first choice, the lay delegate first elected to the second

choice, and thus the right of choice shall continue to alternate between ministerial and lay delegates in the order of their election. For subsequent General Conferences, first choice shall alternate between the lay and clergy delegates, provided that two members of a delegation may not serve on any one of the above-designated standing legislative committees 1 to 10 unless the said delegation is represented on each of them. All delegations composed of ten or more members shall assign all members in excess of ten according to this same principle of distribution. (For example, a Conference with sixteen delegates shall have two members on each of any six of these ten committees, and one on each of the remaining four. Similarly, a Conference with 32 delegates shall have four members on each of two committees and three on each of the remaining eight. Each delegate may, in the order herein indicated, select any one of these ten committees, provided that the foregoing division of delegates among the committees is maintained.) Whenever a delegation has more than one member on a legislative committee, its members shall be divided as equally as possible between lay and clergy. Thus, if there are three members on a committee, they shall be two clergy and one lay or vice versa.

If a matter is under consideration in any standing legislative committee which in the judgment of any Annual Conference delegation vitally affects the interests of its constituency, and if the said Annual Conference is not represented in the membership of said committee, then the said delegation may choose one of its number to represent its Annual Conference in the committee when the matter judged to be vital to the interests of this constituency is under consideration. Such a person shall be entitled to sit with the committee while this particular matter is being considered and shall be entitled to the floor, subject to such limitations as are imposed on the regular members of said committee, but shall not be entitled to vote. Each person seated in the General Conference with right to speak but not vote may submit to the Secretary of the General Conference a choice of a legislative committee and shall have the same right in that committee to speak but not vote.

D. Meeting of Committees

(1) For Organization. All standing legislative and administrative committees shall meet for organization at such time as the Commission on the General Conference shall determine. A Bishop appointed by the Council of Bishops and an assistant secretary appointed by the Secretary of the General Conference

shall serve, respectively, as chairperson and secretary to effect an organization in each of the several standing committees. The first meeting of the legislative committees shall be held as soon as possible following the first plenary session of the General Conference. The election of committee officers shall be the first item of business.

(a) The election of chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary of each standing committee, both administrative and legislative, shall be by ballot.

(b) The Secretary of the General Conference shall be responsible for arranging for a coaching meeting for all chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and secretaries of legislative committees, as soon as possible after their elections. This coaching shall include instruction in their duties, all procedures in the handling of petitions, the times of the daily deadline for publishing reports, and other information to expedite the work of the committees. The Commission on the General Conference is requested to arrange for a time and place for such a meeting.

(2) Regular Meetings. The standing legislative committees 1 to 10 inclusive shall meet for business as scheduled by the Agenda Committee unless otherwise ordered by the Conference, until their work is completed, and at such other times as the committees may themselves determine.

(3) Quorum for Committee Meetings. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in all committees.

(4) Each legislative committee shall establish an area in which only voting committee members will be seated. Staff, resource persons, and visitors may speak only when authorized, in each instance by specific committee action.

(5) Legislative committees are urged to give priority to significant and controversial legislation so that their reports on such matters may be printed as soon as possible in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and considered by the General Conference.

(6) Minority reports should be encouraged so that differing views held by a significant portion of the committee may be carefully prepared and expressed and the issues clearly defined for decision by the General Conference. Adequate time should be given for the minority to prepare its report and every effort made to have the majority and minority reports printed together in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. (See Rules 17, 23, 33, and 36.)

E. Function and Authority of Committees

(1) The standing administrative committees, without specific

instruction or direction from the Conference, shall assume responsibility for considering and reporting to the Conference upon all matters which would logically fall within their respective purviews, if it seems wise to do so, as these are indicated hereinbefore.

(2) The standing legislative committees may not originate business, but shall consider and report only upon that which is referred to them directly by the Conference or through the Committee on Reference, the Agenda Committee, or the Committee on Calendar. (See Rule 31.)

VII. PROPOSAL INVOLVING EXPENDITURE OF UNBUDGETED FUNDS

When any proposal is submitted to the General Conference to establish an interim or continuing board, commission, or committee, before final action is taken by the General Conference establishing such board, commission, or committee, said proposal shall be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration or its executive committee, with the request that it bring to the General Conference an estimated budget of the expense of operation of the proposed board, commission, or committee for the next quadrennium and a statement of how the adoption of such proposal will affect the budget or budgets for the existing boards, commissions, or committees as already presented by the General Council on Finance and Administration.

When any proposal is submitted to the General Conference which involves the expenditure of funds not included in an established budget, such proposal shall be referred for advice and recommendation to the General Council on Finance and Administration before final action is taken by the General Conference.

VIII. DELEGATES' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

(1) The report of the chairpersons of the respective annual conference delegations shall be the basis for settlement with principal and reserve delegates for their per diem allowances.

(2) The total traveling expense shall be payable to the principal delegate if present and seated. If during the session of the Conference a reserve delegate is seated for a principal delegate, the principal delegate shall adjust the travel expense with such reserve on the basis of the time served by each.

(3) Travel expense for delegates to the Conference shall be on

the basis of railroad fare by the most direct route (clergy fare for ministers), lower berth or roomette (Pullman) and meals en route, or by air coach. Overseas delegates shall be allowed travel expenses on the basis of roundtrip tourist air fare, directly to and from the seat of the Conference. Additional expenses may be allowed such delegates for arrival and departure not to exceed two days in either case. Unavoidable exceptions to this limitation of two days before and two days after General Conference, due to transportation schedules, must be approved by the General Council on Finance and Administration. The per diem expense allowance for all such days before and after General Conference shall be at the same rate as granted delegates during General Conference. When one or more delegates come in the same automobile, the owner will be allowed 12 cents per mile plus the cost of room and meals en route. Guest passengers who are the principal delegates to the General Conference shall submit only the cost of room and meals en route. Maximum use of automobiles for travel may not exceed 1,000 miles round-trip for reimbursement purposes. If automobile travel exceeds 1,000 miles round-trip, reimbursement will be based upon round-trip air coach fare, rather than mileage. In all cases delegates shall report only the actual cost of travel.

IX. MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DISCIPLINE

(1) No non-legislative material shall be ordered printed in the *Discipline* without first referring it to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision for consideration and report to the General Conference for further consideration and final action.

(2) The Book Editor, the Secretary of the General Conference and the Publisher of the United Methodist Church shall be charged with editing the *Discipline* and *Book of Resolutions*. The Editors, in the exercise of their judgment, shall have the authority to make changes in phraseology as may be necessary to harmonize legislation without changing its substance.

X. DISTRIBUTION TO DESKS OF MEMBERS

After the first day, only the *Daily Christian Advocate* shall be placed on the desks of the members, with additional copies for the first ministerial and first lay reserve delegate from each delegation.

XI. REPORTS TO BE MAILED BEFORE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The reports and recommendations of all Councils, Boards and Standing Committees or Special Commissions or Committees to the General Conference shall be printed in an Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and mailed to all delegates and to the first ministerial and first lay reserve delegates at least sixty days prior to the opening of the General Conference. Such reports shall be printed in the same size and style as the *Daily Christian Advocate* and be punched for binding. In order to accomplish this, the finished copy of all such reports and recommendations shall be submitted to the editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate* at least 120 days prior to the opening of the General Conference. Any such reports and recommendations not so submitted, and not printed in an Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, shall be received by the General Conference only upon the approval of three-fourths vote of the General Conference.

RULES OF ORDER

I. DAILY SCHEDULE

Rule 1. Hours of Meetings

The following shall be the daily order for the General Conference, Sundays excepted:

(1) 8:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.—Devotional service under direction of the Council of Bishops.
(2) 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.—Conference business or committee meetings.
(3) 2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.—Conference business or committee meetings.
(4) 7:30 P.M.—Evening programs as planned by the Commission on the General Conference, Conference business, or committee meetings.
(5) Recess may be called during any plenary session at a time deemed appropriate by the presiding bishop.

Rule 2. Order of Business

After devotional service the daily sessions of the Conference shall be conducted as follows:

(1) Reports of standing administrative and special committees.
(2) Agenda and calendar items.
(3) Miscellaneous business.

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS

Rule 3. Authority of the Chairperson

The bishop presiding shall be the legal chairperson of the General Conference. The chairperson shall decide points of order raised by the members, and shall rule on points of order not raised by the members, as the chair deems necessary to conform to these rules of order; subject, in both cases, to an appeal to the Conference by any member without debate; except that the chairperson and the appellant, in the order here named, shall each have five minutes for a statement in support of their respective positions. A tie vote in the case of appeal shall sustain the chair. Any member who raises a point of order shall cite, by number, the rule adjudged to have been violated. The presiding bishop shall have the right to recess a session of the General Conference at any time at the chair's discretion and to reconvene

at such time as the chair shall announce. The presiding bishop shall also have the right to stipulate that the session shall reconvene with only delegates, authorized personnel and authorized guests permitted to attend such a session following recess.

Rule 4. Calling the Conference to Order

When the chairperson stands and calls the Conference to order, no member shall speak, address the chair, or stand, while the chairperson stands.

III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Rule 5. Attendance and Seating Reserves

No member, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise from being present, shall be absent from the sessions of the Conference without permission of the Conference; and all absentees shall be reported by the chairpersons of the several Annual Conference delegations to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided for this purpose. A reserve delegate may be seated when the substitution has been reported in writing to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided for this purpose. If the Credentials Committee finds the substitution in order, it shall so report in the *Daily Christian Advocate* as soon as practical. If the Committee disapproves the substitution, after consultation with the chairperson of the delegation, it may report to the General Conference with its recommendation.

Rule 6. Directions for Securing the Floor

A delegate desiring to speak to the Conference shall arise in place, holding up the placard provided for that purpose. Unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, the delegate shall not speak until given the floor. When two or more delegates rise simultaneously, the presiding bishop is requested to consider the various sections of the auditorium in rotation. The delegate recognized shall proceed to the nearest microphone and shall first announce her or his name and the name of the Annual Conference represented; which, in turn, the bishop shall then announce to the Conference.

Rule 7. Interrupting the Speaker

No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a breach of order, or a misrepresentation, or to direct the attention of the Conference to the fact that the time has arrived for a special order, or to raise a very urgent question of high privilege.

Rule 8. Speaking More Than Once; Length of Speech

No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, no more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, and no longer than six minutes unless that time shall be extended by the Conference, except as provided in Rule 37. This six-minute limit may be amended by a majority vote of the Conference at any time, and for any period of duration.

Rule 9. Question of High Privilege

A member claiming the floor at any time for what the member believes is a very urgent question of high privilege shall be allowed to indicate briefly the nature of the question and, if it be adjudged by the chair to be such, may proceed as desired or until the chairperson judges that the privilege has been exhausted. (See Plan of Organization, div. VI, sec. A, subs. 4a.)

Rule 10. Voting Area of Conference

Only delegates within the area of the Conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. All delegates within the area at the time a question is put shall vote, except such as shall have been excused for special reasons by the Conference.

Rule 11. Voting Procedure

Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise ordered by the Conference. An "aye" and "nay" vote, if taken, shall be by signed ballot. An "aye" or "nay" vote by secret ballot may be ordered on call of any member, supported by one-third of the members present and voting. A count vote may be ordered on call of any member supported by one-third of the members present and voting, in which case the delegates shall rise from their seats and stand until counted.

No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken or when the previous question has been called, until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself, or that which can be appropriately fitted into the time while waiting for the report of the secretaries on a count vote, or an "aye" or "nay" vote. The count shall be made by the Committee of Tellers as appointed and assigned by the Secretary of General Conference.

Rule 12. Division of Question

Before a vote is taken any delegate shall have the right to call for a division of any question, if it is subject to such division as the delegate indicates. If no delegate objects, the division shall be

made; but if there is objection, the chair shall put the question of division to vote, not waiting for a second.

Rule 13. Vote by Orders

The ministerial and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body; but upon a call, by motion of any delegate, seconded by another delegate of the same order and supported by one-third of the members of that order voting, the ministerial and lay delegates shall vote separately. But when the Conference votes by orders, no measure shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of both classes of delegates. In cases of such a vote the order calling for it shall vote first; provided, however, that the Conference may not vote by orders on a proposed amendment to the Constitution. (*Discipline*, ¶¶ 64-66.)

IV. BUSINESS PROCEDURE

Rule 14. Motion for Adoption of Reports and Resolutions Unnecessary

Whenever a report of a committee signed by the chairperson and secretary thereof, or a resolution signed by two or more members of the Conference, shall be presented to the Conference for its action, it shall be deemed in proper order for consideration by the Conference without the formality of a motion to adopt, and a second thereto.

Rule 15. Required Forms for Reports, Resolutions, Motions, Amendments

All resolutions and committee reports shall be presented in triplicate; and, when requested by the Secretary, motions, including amendments, shall be presented in writing.

Rule 16. Reading of Reports and Resolutions

All resolutions, committee reports, and communications to the Conference shall be read by the Secretary except as otherwise provided in Rule 34.

Rule 17. Alterations of Motions, etc.

When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a committee report is read, or is published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Conference, and may not be altered except by action of the Conference. (See Rule 33.)

Rule 18. Undebatable Motions

The following motions shall be acted upon without debate:

(1) To adjourn, when unqualified, except to adjourn the Conference finally.
(2) To suspend the rules.
(3) To lay on the table, except as provided in Rule 37.
(4) To take from the table.
(5) To call for the previous question.
(6) To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
(7) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
(8) To call for the orders of the day.

Rule 19. Rights of the Main Question

The main question may be opened to debate under the following motions: to adopt, to commit or refer, to substitute, to postpone, and to reconsider. No new motion, resolution, or subject shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of except as provided in Rule 11. The foregoing does not apply to secondary motions if otherwise allowable in the existing parliamentary situation.

Rule 20. Precedence of Secondary Motions

If any one or more of the following motions shall be made when one or more other motions are pending, the order of their precedence in relation to one another shall be the same as the order of their listing below:

(1) To fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn. (This motion is subject to amendment, or it may be laid on the table.)
(2) To adjourn.
(3) To take recess.
(4) To order the previous question.
(5) To lay on the table.
(6) To limit or extend the limits of debate.
(7) To postpone to a given time.
(8) To commit or refer.
(9) To amend or to substitute (one amendment being allowed to an amendment).
(10) To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 21. Tabling Related Motions

No motion which adheres to another motion, or has another motion adhering to it, can be laid on the table by itself. Such motions, if laid on the table, carry with them the motions to which they respectively adhere, or which adhere to them.

Rule 22. Referring Reports, etc.

It shall be in order for the Conference to refer to a committee a section or part of a report or resolution which is before the Conference for consideration, or any amendment offered thereto.

Rule 23. Procedure for Consideration of Substitutes

When a resolution or committee report is properly before the Conference for consideration and action, even if amendments thereto are pending, a substitute therefor may be offered by any member moving that the same be substituted for the report or resolution under consideration. The Conference shall then proceed first to perfect the original report or resolution, including consideration and action upon any amendments which may be offered to it. The same perfecting process shall then be followed with respect to the substitute. The question shall then be put first on the motion to substitute, followed by the motion to adopt the report or resolution; provided, however, that the motion for the previous question shall not be in order on the adoption of the report or recommendation or on making the proposed substitution until opportunity has been given for at least two members to speak on each side of the question of substitution or adoption.

Rule 24. Previous Question

Any member who moves the previous question (that is, that the vote be now taken on the motion or motions pending), shall also indicate to what it is intended to apply, if any secondary motion or motions are also pending. If said member does not so indicate, it shall be regarded as applying only to the immediately pending question. This motion shall be taken without debate, and shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption; and if it is adopted, the vote shall be taken on the motion or motions to which it applies without further debate except as provided in Rule 37. (See also Rules 18, 23, 25.)

Rule 25. Unlawful Motion After Speech

It shall not be in order for a member immediately after discussing a pending question, and before relinquishing the floor, to make a motion whose adoption would limit or stop debate.

Rule 26. Exceptions to Majority Vote

A majority of those voting, a quorum being present, shall decide all questions with the following exceptions.

(1) One-third of those present and voting shall suffice to sustain a call for a count vote in case the decision of the chair is

doubted. (See Rule 11.) A tie vote sustains the chair (Rule 3).

(2) A call for a vote by orders shall prevail if sustained by one-third of the members of the order from which the call came, present and voting. (See Rule 13.)

(3) A two-thirds vote shall be required to sustain a motion to suspend (Rule 39) or amend (Rule 40) the rules; to sustain a motion for the previous question (Rule 24); to set aside a special order; to consider a special order before the time set therefor; to sustain the request of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges for the presentation of any person after the sixth day of the General Conference.

(4) A two-thirds vote shall be required to approve a proposal for a constitutional amendment. (*Discipline*, ¶¶ 64-66.)

Rule 27. Reconsideration

A motion to reconsider an action of the Conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion it is proposed to reconsider is non-debatable, the motion to reconsider may not be debated.

Rule 28. Calendars, Regular and Non-Concurrence

The Secretary shall keep a chronological record of orders of the day and of reports of committees (See Rule 32), which record shall be called the Calendar; and the matters of business placed on it shall be considered as recommended by the Committee on Calendar, unless by a two-thirds vote of the Conference an item is taken up out of its order.

When a committee presents a report on a given subject, as a part of its report, it must also list the numbers of all petitions relating to this subject on which the committee voted non-concurrence.

Rule 29. Motion to Adjourn in Order Except—

The motion to adjourn, when unqualified, shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except:

(1) When a delegate has the floor.

(2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, and before it is finally decided.

(3) When the previous question has been ordered and action thereunder is pending.

(4) When a motion to adjourn has been lost, and no business or debate has intervened.

(5) When the motion to fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn is pending.

The foregoing does not apply to a motion for final adjournment of the Conference.

V. COMMITTEES

Rule 30. Rules of Order of Legislative Committees

The rules of order of the General Conference shall be observed in meetings of standing legislative committees in so far as they apply.

Rule 31. Duties and Prerogatives of Committees

As its first work, a committee shall evaluate its petitions, come to agreements regarding priority, and outline its work on the basis of those priorities.

When a petition or resolution or any similar item is referred to one of the several standing legislative committees, it shall be understood that the whole question with which the paper has to do is referred to that committee for such action as it may deem wise. Committees shall report to the Conference upon all matters referred to them by the Conference, directly or through the Committee on Reference. Committee reports on resolutions, petitions, etc., shall cite the same, identifying them by numbers they bear respectively in the published reports of the Committee on Reference, or in some other suitable manner.

When a committee ascertains that another committee is or, in its judgment, should be considering a subject which the former is considering, it shall report the matter to the Committee on Reference for such adjustment as the situation may require.

Rule 32. Legislative Committees Report to Secretary

As quickly as material can be prepared, each secretary of a standing legislative committee shall present a clearly marked original work copy of the committee's report, signed by the committee chairperson and secretary, to the Secretary of the Conference. The original work copy shall be marked with the priority the committee places on that subject. The Secretary of the Conference shall receive said reports, type them in triplicate, enter them into the calendar and furnish the editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate* with one of the copies for publication.

Committee and minority reports which propose changes in the *Discipline* shall give chapter, section and paragraph to be affected and shall be prepared in the following manner: existing words used as reference points shall be in quotes; words to be deleted shall be single-underscored; words to be added shall be double-underscored. In publication of these reports *The Daily Christian Advocate* shall substitute italics for single underscoring and boldface for double underscoring.

Rule 33. Published Reports in Possession of Conference

Reports submitted by the committee according to the deadline as announced by the Secretary of the Conference shall appear in the next day's *Daily Christian Advocate*. The report as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* becomes the official copy, subject only to grammatical or other obvious editorial changes, and shall be regarded as in the possession of the Conference. On the day following its first appearance in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, or any time thereafter, a report is in order for consideration at the pleasure of the Conference. The same rule shall apply to a report of a minority of any committee signed by one-tenth of the members of the committee, or by ten members thereof. (See Rule 17.)

Rule 34. Preparation and Printing of Reports

All committee reports shall be presented to the Secretary of the Conference in triplicate on paper provided therefor, and shall bear at the top the name of the committee, its total membership, the number present at the time the report was adopted, the number voting for and the number voting against the report respectively, and the number not voting. In addition to concurrence or non-concurrence, a committee may recommend referral to the next General Conference, or to a Board, Council, Commission, or committee, either for action or for report to the next General Conference. Reports of the standing legislative committees shall be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* at least one day before being presented for consideration by the Conference, and they shall not be read unless by its order.

Reports of minorities of committees adopted by them with a view to their being offered as substitutes for committee reports (see Rule 33) shall likewise conform to this rule so far as it is applicable, indicating clearly to what committee the respective minorities belong and for what reports by serial number, etc., they propose the respective substitutes.

Rule 35. Committee Chairperson Not in Harmony With Report

When the chairperson of a committee is not in harmony with a report adopted by the committee, it shall be the chairperson's duty to state the fact to the committee, which shall elect one of its members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the report in the Conference; but if, in such a case, the committee shall fail to select a representative, the chairperson shall designate a member to represent the committee, and said

representatives shall have all the rights and privileges of the chairperson in relation to such report.

Rule 36. Presentation of Report of Minority

A member selected by the signers of a report of a minority of a committee (see Rule 33) to present the same shall have the same rights and privileges in relation thereto which belong to the chairperson in the presentation of the regular (majority) report of the committee, except that such member may not present said minority report until the majority report has been presented, and shall then offer it as a substitute therefor, and except, further, that in closing the debate on the question of making the substitution the member presenting the minority report shall speak first and the chairperson last. (See Rule 23.)

Rule 37. Speakers For and Against

When the report of a committee is under consideration, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer to ascertain, when recognizing a member of the Conference, on which side the member proposes to speak; and the chair shall not assign the floor to any member proposing to speak on the same side of the pending question as the speaker immediately preceding if any member desires to speak on the other side thereof.

Except for undebatable motions, no report shall be adopted or question relating to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least two speeches for and two against the said proposal, provided that right is claimed before the chairperson or duly authorized member representing the committee's report or the minority report, if there be such, is presented to close the debate.

When all have spoken who desire to do so, or when (and after) the previous question has been ordered, the chairperson or/and duly authorized member or members presenting the committee's report (and the minority report if there be one) shall be entitled to speak before the vote is taken.

This right of the chairperson and/or other member or members to close the debate shall prevail in like manner to a limit of five minutes when a vote is about to be taken on a motion to amend, to substitute, to postpone, to refer, or to lay on the table or any other motion whose adoption would vitally affect the report under consideration; provided, that this five-minute limit shall not apply to a motion to substitute a minority report (see Rule 33) for a regular (majority) report of a committee.

Rule 38. Effective Date

All legislation of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church shall become effective January 1 following the session of the General Conference at which it is enacted, unless otherwise specified (this rule to become effective with the 1980 General Conference).

VI. SUSPENDING, AMENDING, AND SUPPLEMENTING

Rule 39. Suspension of Rules

The operation of any of the provisions of the Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Conference. (See Rule 26, subs. 3.)

Rule 40. Amending Rules

The Plan of Organization and these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference; provided the proposed change or amendment has originated in the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, or has been presented to the Conference in writing and referred to this committee, which committee shall report thereon not later than the following day. (See Rule 26, subs. 3.)

Rule 41. Robert's Rules of Order, Supplemental Authority

In any parliamentary situation not clearly covered by the Plan of Organization or these Rules of Order, the General Conference shall be governed in its action by the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Rule 42. Persons Without Right to Make or Second Motions

A person seated in the Conference with the right to speak, but without vote, does not have the right to make a motion or second motions.

THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Delivered by Bishop James S. Thomas on Tuesday evening, April 27, 1976, for the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church

Mr. Chairman, Brothers and Sisters of the General Conference of 1976, Friends:

This General Conference convenes with a keen awareness of its history and heritage. It was so from the beginning. When Bishops Coke and Asbury presented the first "Form of Discipline" to the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1789, they were writing under the light of the Christmas Conference of 1784. There the foundations of our understanding of Wesleyan discipleship were laid.

In the preface to the first Form of Discipline, Bishops Coke and Asbury said:

> We esteem it our duty and privilege most earnestly to recommend to you as members of our church, our Form of Discipline, which has been founded on the experience of 50 years in Europe, and of 20 years in America; as also on the observations and remarks we have made on ancient and modern churches.(1)

All subsequent Books of Discipline, among the Methodist, Evangelical, and United Brethren Churches, have taken special account of the heritage of those who are called to reform the continent and spread scriptural holiness throughout the land. We shall do no less in this session which meets during the bicentennial observance of the United States of America.

Since our last General Conference in 1972, 13 bishops have died. We remember them in loving praise of their faithful service as ministers of Jesus Christ. Their ministry in the episcopacy greatly enriched our council fellowship and the life of the larger Church as well.

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[1]*Form of Discipline for the Ministers, Preachers, and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America;* New York, printed by William Ross, MDCC LXXXIX.

PERSPECTIVE

When we reflect upon the work of The United Methodist Church over the last 12 years, we are led both to gratitude and to challenge. This is the eighth session of the General Conferences from 1964 to 1976; all enrich this present session in its ministry to our Church today and tomorrow.

In 1966, while The Methodist Church was still deeply involved in the Central Jurisdiction issue, a special session of the General Conference met to prepare for union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The Evangelical United Brethren Church also met in its General Conference to consider union. In 1968, the union was consummated in Dallas, Texas, several important studies were authorized, and a Commission on Religion and Race was created. In 1970, we met for interim reports and to complete some unfinished business from the 1968 General Conference.

In 1972, the General Conference accepted reports from its Structure Study Commission, Social Principles Commission, and Commission on Doctrine and Doctrinal Standards. It also authorized a General Council on Ministries and four major commissions—a Commission to Study the Ministry (full ordination and clergy rights had been granted to Methodist women in 1956), a Commission to Study the Episcopacy and District Superintendency, the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and a Continuing Commission on the Black Colleges.

It was a dramatic moment when the vote was taken, in the Methodist General Conference of 1956, granting full clergy rights to women. We meet today on the 20th anniversary of that action.

We gratefully acknowledge a growing sensitivity to the equal status and role of women in The United Methodist Church. But we are quick to point out that this is no time to measure progress by the standards of 1956. This was a very late time to acknowledge that women have literally kept many churches alive in their ministry of the laity. The United Brethren, now a part of The United Methodist Church, authorized the ordination of women at its 1889 General Conference and had its ministry enriched by many women serving as pastors and evangelists. The time has come to affirm clearly the equal rights of women to occupy any executive position in the Church. A combination of forces has led us to see the richness of the contribution which women, both lay and clergy, have made and are making to The United Methodist Church. But the struggle for women's rights and equality is only beginning in world consciousness, and The United Methodist Church has a heavy responsibility in this struggle.

In the fall of 1975, there were 814 women enrolled in United

Methodist theological seminaries. Five hundred fifty-five of these students were enrolled in Master of Divinity curricula. The graduation and appointment of these women will enrich a clergy once exclusively reserved for males and express a vital mutuality in the ministry of the Church.

Now we come together after a quadrennium of dedicated work and solid achievement in the restructured Church. Valued insights have come from new doctrinal standards and social principles. We mention the intensity of our work since 1972 in order that we may share our vision of the faith that defines our life; the ministry that expresses our life; the discipline that orders our life; the mission that motivates our life; and the grace that transforms our life.

We begin, not with business and legislation—as important as these are—but with a fresh emphasis on Jesus Christ for all our living. It is he who calls us into being and gives meaning to whatever we do here. Plainly, we are here to recognize and respond to his Lordship, to plan for his mission in the world, and to divide the labor and pass the legislation that will be consistent with such discipleship.

Christ calls us to wholeness in mission and ministry. We are not here to choose various themes that will rove over the landscape looking for a place to center down. Jesus Christ is the center, and his ministry in the world is what we are about. No disjointed series of brilliant flashes here or there can substitute for him. In this Christ-center, we will both frame and express our special ministries, whatever may be their name. By him we are defined and to him we are—each and all—accountable.

To get a clear theological perspective is our first order of business. But neither our Lord nor our heritage will permit doctrine, however clear, to be a haven. It is the world that God loves and the world for which he gives his Son. We are the Church within a world where the velocity of history will not allow us to escape the enormous problems of living, both personally and socially, in our times. To be the Church in the world, we must be ecumenical in our outlook and worldwide in our perspective. It cannot be said too clearly that The United Methodist Church is a worldwide church, and we celebrate this breadth of our witness as we assemble from all sections of the world.

The concerns to which we call your attention relate both to the life of the world and the life of the Church in the world; and the first of these is world hunger.

HUMAN HUNGERS

Hunger on a global basis has many complexities. In a sense, we

are victims of our own progress, especially in technology. The production of foodstuffs has grown dramatically in some parts of the world and lagged tragically behind in others. It is ironic that there is less food in the more populous countries than in others. For the first time in decades the word "famine" has reentered our vocabulary because it has become a tragic fact of human existence.

Experts talk of selective starvation, population control, theology as seen through the perspective of hunger issues, the politics of relief. For our purpose here, the major emphasis must be upon Christian discipleship in a world of hunger. We begin with the call to hope in the midst of problems so gigantic that to think long without action is to invite paralysis.

We recognize that most of us come from places where there is abundance, even waste. We are called to life-styles which express our intention to contribute that over which we have the most control. Ours must be a personal life of simplicity and sharing in the spirit of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. It must also be a life of voluntary frugality and generosity as a witness of our faith to a world in desperate need.

As bishops in the Church, we are grateful to recognize the responses of many of our Annual Conferences to hunger appeals. Several millions of dollars have been sent through the United Methodist Committee on Relief and through other agencies designed to help those who hunger. If these figures could be assembled in one place, they would reveal a witness of meaningful proportions. If such generosity is voluntarily continued, there is hope that, in the spirit of Christ, a new pattern of life will go far towards short-run solutions of an enormous problem. For the future, we must direct the full force of our technology and national legislation toward areas at home and abroad where they are most needed.

Clearly, a simpler life-style is an urgent necessity. It is certainly required of Christians to do much more. The conscience and sensitivity of the affluent nations need greatly to be raised. A clear understanding and example of Christian ethics and high morality in national and international affairs is at a high-priority level. The Church cannot allow the present motivations of national self-interest to foster the politics of relief. We must—with clarity and consistency—proclaim that God is the creator of all the resources which we hold in stewardship. They are not ours in any lasting sense.

The solidarity of the human family is no longer a romantic dream. True, we have particularities and differences in culture, color, heritage, and history; and these are often quite dramatic.

But there is nothing more dramatic than the facts that all human beings breathe the same air, all are in need of food to eat, and all want the opportunity for abundant living.

This General Conference, therefore, will not allow itself to be diverted from the human issues in world hunger. Nor will it be overwhelmed by a problem of such proportions as to stagger the minds of experts. What we, above all other institutions, are called upon to share is what the world needs supremely—a vibrant and intelligent faith in the Christ who ministered to the physical hungers of people who came to him when their spiritual hungers prompted them to neglect physical hungers. We must have a general caring for the whole human family. We must proclaim the message that all persons are God's children and we are all tied together, finally, in a common destiny.

We see a close connection between the current interest in feeding the hungry and the Bishop's Call for Peace and the Self-development of Peoples. While notable progress has been made, much more remains to be done by United Methodists and the entire Methodist family. We also commend those Annual Conferences whose leadership has actively and intelligently sought national legislation aimed at alleviating world hunger. If we can accept the miracles of space exploration because human beings put massive effort into the enterprise, we shall also accept the goal of feeding the world's hungry. The call of Christ is clear: that we must feed the hungry and visit the prisoner in our discipleship, acting both from Christian conscience and human compassion. We must close the gap between those who have in abundance and those who lack. At the present population count, there is, or can be, enough for all.

HUMAN EQUALITY AND JUSTICE

A second crucial issue of our time is that of human equality and justice. No member of this General Conference will need an extended analysis of this issue. The evidences of this continuing struggle are inescapable. Whether we speak in the broad sense of human rights, palpably denied, or more specifically of ethnic minorities, prisoners, or the poor, our proclamations must be clear and our involvement constant.

Concerning this issue, much more could be said in analysis than is necessary for our Christian concern. With due respect for the necessary sociological analyses of our current situations, we do not suffer primarily from the lack of factual data. What we need, supremely, is a clear theological understanding of our mission in human rights and the unwavering decision to take initiatives in

discipleship before crises and intergroup conflicts threaten to engulf us.

Let it be admitted that much social action on the part of the church has often lacked deep biblical and theological roots. A very discerning sociologist of religion, who is himself committed to Christian social action, found it necessary to say: "The one thing that troubles me is that social action or social engagement can be a convenient method to avoid contact with the question of truth in religion."(2) The avoidance of our faith foundations, either for reasons of pietism or activism, is clearly not what we are here to affirm. Given this warning, let us return to the main issue: How can The United Methodist Church be involved in questions of human equality and justice to the end that Christ will be alive both in us and in a particular social movement? We offer two suggestions.

First, let us make clear to the entire membership of our Church the wholeness of the gospel. We shall see today—as we have seen before—the theological pendulum swing in this direction or that. Our primary need, however, is not the comfortable embracing of one side of the gospel or the other but a clear view of its wholeness. As between deep personal piety and intentional social action, the Christian should have no viable choice. Persons of faith cannot keep their own motivations clear unless they are constantly under the light of God's holiness, or wholeness, as he is known to us in Christ. Between an emphasis upon personal salvation and one upon systemic reformation, there should be no real choice. All human systems are made up of persons who, without the transforming experience of Christ, can and will do, in the anonymity of togetherness, what they would shrink from doing in personal individual living. Clearly, the wholeness of our faith calls for a both/and approach.

Second, we must both accept our faith as God's gracious gift and the inevitability of human conflict as a sociological fact. We would do well to ponder the words of St. Paul: "From first to last this has been the work of God. He has reconciled us men to himself through Christ, and he has enlisted us in this service of reconciliation. What I mean is that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, no longer holding men's misdeeds against them, and that he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:18-19,NEB).

In a word, we have been given a ministry of reconciliation. The members of the human family that God intended to work together and in harmony have often been set over against each

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[2]"What's Ahead for the Church," Peter L. Berger, *World Outlook*, April 1969.

other—and this, quite often, by human manipulation. If we are to have a part in the coming of God's kingdom on earth, how can it be unless we take initiatives to set right what is wrong?

More specifically, we are called in Christ's name to be the voice of those who cannot speak for themselves. Whether these are ethnic minorities, the urban poor, or the aging population, our voice must be clear and our action sustained.

Experts will argue long and often brilliantly about the root causes of human oppression. In those discussions we will participate, and from them we will be informed. But nothing will divert us from our central task of taking the initiative in making the ministry of reconciliation real and clear to all human beings who suffer oppression.

THE CHURCH AND CRIME

A third crucial issue of our time is criminal justice. Special attention was given to this issue in the spring meeting of the Council of Bishops last year. For reasons that need not be detailed here, the urgency of the criminal justice issue has grown both as a national emphasis and as an unavoidable concern for the Church.

To speak about crime at all is to come face to face with social breakdown. The statistics are incredible. Beyond these figures, it must be remembered that, in the United States, a high proportion of some crimes are unreported, and even more is hidden in the plush precincts of white-collar operators. There are good reasons to believe that, with few exceptions, this is a worldwide situation.

What concerns us primarily are not the statistics of crime, tragic as these are. Our primary concerns are the human beings behind the statistics: the victims, the prisoners, the judges and the juries, the society out of which crime grows and on which it preys. We place before you the criminal justice system as it now operates—and fails to operate—in our society.

Like all massive problems, criminal justice may seem too big for individual or even denominational action. A few facts should dispel this thought, and we can comprehend most of the facts if we are true to our trust to understand and identify with people. The massiveness of crime statistics reflects the reports gathered from every community in the land. County sheriffs and chiefs of police provide the data which are eventually summarized in one place. Behind every statistical fact is a person, who comes from a family, who may or may not belong to a church. It is statistically predictable that a disproportionately large number will be poor, of an ethnic minority, and uneducated. Whatever the situation,

these persons are the unavoidable concern of the Church, and our ministry to them must be clearly intentional, intelligent, and Christian.

What, then, can be said about criminal justice? First, the Church must respond to the clear call to proclaim and demonstrate Christ's caring love for the prisoner. This is not to be a sentimental journey in which we condescend to redeem the lost so that they will become respectable middle-class citizens. Rather, our task is the acceptance of local responsibility for ministries that will humanize legislation through concerted effort. It is to visit the prisoners in our midst. It is no less to deal with the great disparities which let many persons out on bail who can afford it and keep others in because they cannot raise the money. It is to be as informed and as wise as possible in our understanding and as compassionate and supportive as possible in our caring.

We call upon this General Conference to empower the varied ministries of the Church to deal directly with the conditions out of which crime grows. Crime, after all, is a symptom of deeper social ills. Our chief concern, at the minimum, is that justice be equitably administered. Crime dramatizes societal and familial breakdown. We may not be able to comprehend all of the facts involved in crime, but we can provide the best possible family and neighborhood ministries, not simply as a crime deterrent but as an extension of the reconciling ministry of Christ.

Crime is breakdown in our understandings and Christian motivations. If imprisonment is primarily for revenge and punitive action, it will inevitably produce a bitter harvest. Young prisoners will be trained to be callous while in prison, and their release will continue a tragic cycle of crime-jail-prison-more prison.

This General Conference is called to the study that will inform us. How many Christians really know the conditions within their own community that breed the crime so often deplored? If it is argued that the reasons for crime are deeper than sociology, this does not reduce one whit our Christian responsibility. We are called to know and act to change the serious inequities in criminal justice. Our response to criminal justice in 1976 must not be compared to its advantage with barbaric practices of the past. Our witness must be seen under the loving judgment of Christ who included prisoners in his chief ministerial concerns.

THE CRISIS OF FAITH

There is no deeper crisis, either within or without the Church, than the crisis of faith. Contrary to the views of some religious

people, this is not a crisis of unbelief. There is abundant evidence that the human population is given to a plethora of beliefs, probably in desperation to find a place on which to stand. To those who point uncritically to a revival of religion, we would say that there has also been a revival of the occult. Ours is a world in which a fervent faith in secularism can go hand in hand with a commitment to astrology, or satanism, or a kind of civil religion which is itself a sort of cafeteria of beliefs.

In a highly pluralistic world, there is some need for varied approaches to truth. The depth of the faith crisis is not a pluralism in beliefs; this we have always had. It is the grave identity crisis of Christians, many of whom do not know what they believe or why. It is the wistful hope that their belief would bring more satisfaction to doubting spirits, more excitement to questing minds, more hope to desperate situations. The faith crisis comes at the point of a naive belief in the sufficiency of our own technologies to meet deep inner needs that they can never reach.

For us as United Methodists, the crisis can become even deeper. We do not believe now—and we never have—in rigid doctrinal concepts to hold us steady in a wavering world. This is a virtue, we think. But there is no deeper peril than that of taking to the high seas in a ship whose structure we do not know and whose capacity we are afraid to test. We need to know and cherish the faith that is in us.

Instead of rigid doctrinal outlines, we have a faith rooted in a heritage of scriptural commitment. And this requires the most careful and reverent study that can be invited. Beyond a religion of correct but cold concepts, we have a heritage of experience. But what if our Christian experience is so much a piece with all other experiences that we do not know how, or if, a loyalty like patriotism (a tradition among American Methodists) can be related to vital religion in any meaningful way?

Instead of unrelieved emotion and sentiment, our heritage calls us to a clear commitment to reason. But there is a vast difference between arid intellectualism and loving God with all the mind. Beyond the regular pendulum-swings of history, our heritage calls us to a commitment to tradition. The crisis arises when we consider who is to say when tradition becomes the history that imprisons us or the record of the best of our experiences with God and the human community.

Our answer to such a faith crisis is not more and more analysis. Perhaps most people sense intuitively more uneasiness than we can ever put into words. The answer is a clear understanding of and commitment to the faith which is made secure by Christ, the Lord of Life.

In any case, the signs are clear. Question as much as we like the theologies of conservative churches, their membership rolls are growing. We may not agree with their beliefs, but they often know what they believe with a clarity that is easily communicated. The lesson here is not for us to go and do likewise. To do this would be so much out of character for us as to constitute a betrayal of our heritage. Our major task is to proclaim the message of Christ's redeeming love so clearly, and demonstrate it so joyously, that we will move from uncertainty to vitality.

The easiest route to take is to criticize others for examining their faith, or lack of it, and content ourselves with fractional answers to questions. So people hunger for affirmation—what is wrong with that? Let us affirm that God is real, Christ is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is present; and let us be sure of the faith that is in us.

This certainly is vital to us and, through our descriptions of what Christ is doing for us, we may help others. After all, ours is a faith of experience, both personal and social. So there is an overemphasis on feeling. Indeed, there may be. But let us waste no time in criticism. What comes from others as excess emotion may come from us with such genuine compassion as to be reconciling and redeeming. Are we not sons and daughters of the warm heart?

Christ is never met adequately by an argument over differences. Multitudes in our age are not only in faith crises but are also in crises of personal living. For some it is an act of heroism to stay afloat at all. For others, there is as much need for salvation now as there ever was in the past. They deserve from us much more than detached analyses of the human condition. They need our wholehearted concern for their lives and our genuine outreach to them in the name of Christ.

EVANGELISM AND EXPERIENCE

To say this much is to face another crucial concern of this General Conference: evangelism. In 1972, the Council of Bishops was requested to produce two books in the areas of Christian experience and the Holy Spirit and to teach throughout the Church. We have sought to be faithful to these tasks. Our concern now is to bring these teachings and our total discipleship into the service of Christ who transforms life. There is abundant evidence that evangelism is a chief interest of many throughout the Church. It is our task to bring this concern to clearer definitions and more vital expressions than ever before.

Whatever the reasons, we have inherited images of evangelism that make meaningful definitions difficult. A part of our heritage

is the vivid image of the camp meeting. This was, for a time, a most successful method of evangelism that ran into later excesses. We often remember the excesses and forget the chief end of it all—to bring persons into a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

Since the term "evangelism" is still with us, we deem it important to clarify its positive meanings. Evangelism is not a method or a function of the Church to be assigned to one board or a division of a board. It is the heart of Christian self-definition, the fundamental reason why we exist as Christians. It is—or should be—pervasive, not occasional; permeative, not segmental. It should go along with the job as it did, in consuming fashion, for Francis Asbury, John Seybert, and Christian Newcomer.

But to say this much is not to say enough. Evangelism comes so close to meaning "gospel" that the two are almost synonymous. It is proclamation, but no less is it teaching. It is conversion, without long debates as to whether it is step-by-step or instantaneous. Evangelism is the church at work in terms of its best self-understanding and the way in which it relates to and identifies with all people. The Christian community would be much advanced if we could recognize that evangelism is not so much the fighting of a battle as it is the sharing of a faith.

It is our business in this session to provide ways by which evangelism will become the chief concern of this quadrennium and lead to new evangelistic growth in the future. This does not mean an emphasis on evangelism, as if it were a function to which we give attention for a time and then move on to something else. It means that we will see evangelism as a continuing expression of the total life and definition of this part of the Church of Jesus Christ. It is an expression of our total Christian witness that we would not avoid even if we could.

Quite beyond method, therefore, we call upon every board and agency, every segment of the Church, to create situations in which the Lordship of Christ may become luminous in whatever style or language may be most appropriate. It is not incorrect to say that much of this evangelism will occur indirectly and even by surprise. Whatever our human methods may be, it is good to remember that the Holy Spirit is the major actor in bringing people to Christ. Evangelism will not occur, either by direction or indirection, unless there is a deep commitment to let method follow the enkindling flame of the Good News.

No member of this General Conference should assent to cut our Church membership, even for the purpose of pruning the rolls of "inactives." The task of the ministry, clergy and lay, is to lead inactive members to become active; idle and passive Christians to

be alive, with a workable and working faith. Our recruitment takes place inside as well as outside. We reject the negativism that says the Church is stronger when it is smaller, made up of those who have become fully committed. We think and act on the assumption that all our members are precious persons for whom Christ died and who need the nurturing ministries of the Church. Winning persons to Christ is not a mere afterthought.

At any rate, we should not leave this place without looking upon evangelism as a future to be experienced rather than a past to which we may return. We should not want to get back to any state we have known in the past. Our future with Christ is ahead, not behind. Our God is moving decisively into the future. Indeed, he is well ahead of any utopian future of which we can possibly dream. It is our business to be where God calls us, however far or hard that seems to be. We desperately need a deep and unashamed passion for the kingship of Christ in all the structures of life. And when such an expression occurs, this will be evangelism.

THE MINISTRY TO ETHNIC MINORITIES

No Christian communion has a better opportunity for effective witness in ethnic minority relations than The United Methodist Church. And there is no time in the world's history when such a witness needs more to be made.

If the enormous problems of world hunger seem too vast for concrete action, the urgent problems of ethnic minorities give this General Conference ample opportunities for creative programs that can begin upon adjournment. For example, the ethnic minority membership of the Church is decreasing faster than the total membership. Its ministers are getting older, and its ranks are rapidly depleting. The opportunities for the growth and development of ethnic minority ministers have not been encouraging enough to claim the attention of some of the most able youth. Other professional opportunities have sometimes grown and become inclusive faster than those within ecclesiastical bodies.

Within fifteen years, The United Methodist Church could lose the opportunity to witness effectively to ethnic minorities. If we allow this to happen, the situation will be irreversible here as it has been in several prominent church bodies in the past. Obviously, The United Methodist Church is at a crucial point of decision in 1976. As limited as may be our present opportunities, they will not exist at all if present trends are allowed to run their course.

Such a tragic default in witness need not occur. This is not a

time for viewing with alarm. It is the time for a vital witness and a carefully drafted program. If this General Conference should undertake such a vital program in ethnic church development, it could do so without creating any new structural units. What is needed now can be provided in financial support, imagination, interboard cooperation, jurisdictional programs, and Annual Conference initiatives.

Obviously, such a general program should be refined in detail and its major outline made clear to the entire General Conference. The crucial points here are: (1) The United Methodist Church still has a remarkable opportunity to witness to its wealth in pluralism by providing significant support for its ethnic minority churches. (2) The sense of timing makes present action crucial. At the present rate of aging of ministry, changes in communities, and local church decline, the ethnic minorities may cease to exist as viable parts of our pluralism, perhaps within fifteen years. (3) It is crucial to provide significant financial support over the quadrennium—partly through this General Conference and partly through the five jurisdictions. (4) The Council of Bishops can have an important role in the leadership. If we can put these concerns into a sustained program, we will come to the next General Conference with significant evidences of growth in ethnic minority churches.

FOR A TIME LIKE THIS

To speak of the bicentennial at all is to move beyond provincial boundaries in our thinking. The United States of America is a nation whose particular history we will emphasize in 1976. But this should be done within a worldwide context. Ours is a worldwide church which has long witnessed to God's presence and action in all the nations of the earth. We, therefore, believe that The United Methodist Church has special responsibilities both to speak to God's blessings upon one nation and his equal concern for all the nations of the earth.

Throughout this session, we shall return again and again to a view of history as time which God has given us as a priceless gift. We know that other nations and peoples live by different time clocks. At 200 years of age, the United States of America is younger than many, though older than a growing company of new, emergent nations. We rejoice in the blessings God has given us, and we are aware that blessings mean responsibilities. As a Church that, with its antecedents, grew up with the country, we have a special responsibility for the wholeness of our ministry to all Americans, and to all the world as well. Even as our churches in the United States of America join in the celebration of the

bicentennial, the whole United Methodist Church looks forward to another bicentennial in 1984, when we celebrate the anniversary of the Christmas Conference in Baltimore. There and then, Philip Otterbein, one of the three founders of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, participated in the consecration of Bishop Asbury.

Our church has never exceeded in achievement what it has not first visualized in Christian hope. At this crucial time in the life of the United States of America, we dare to believe that the nation will be led to see, in luminous outline, what the patriots of 1776 had in mind. We also pray that The United Methodist Church will be prompted to make the 200th anniversary of the Christmas Conference a time for realizing in 1984 what the revolutionary church leaders hoped for in 1784.

As a part of this forthcoming event, we call upon the General Conference of 1976 to approve, in principle, two important proposals: First, we propose a serious goal of a responsible increase in church membership. If such a membership goal is taken seriously, we should add at least another million persons to the active fellowship of our local churches by 1984. And second, we propose a major funds campaign with a goal of $20 per member above regular apportionments. If the financial goal is taken seriously, the amount realized could amount to $200,000,000 by 1984. Half of the amount raised could be retained in the Annual Conferences to meet such missional and institutional priorities as each Annual Conference determines. The other half could be made available to the general church to meet similar priorities as the General Conference sets them.

In order that Annual Conferences may have adequate chance to get this churchwide event in their planning, we suggest that they be requested to express their intent to participate no later than 1978. Should the General Conference of 1976 approve these bicentennial proposals in principle, we urge the appointment of the appropriate body or bodies within The United Methodist Church to do the detailed planning and bring to the General Conference of 1980 a specific plan for action.

We believe that such a plan, or a variation of it, would go far towards making a major contribution to our times, as we read the signs of the times. The 1984 bicentennial would be an act of thanksgiving to God for the gift of time itself. It would be an evidence of our appreciation and practice of the stewardship of time. It would help to firm up our high resolve to use the future better than we have the past.

What better time, then, than in this bicentennial year, to recommit ourselves to reforming the continents and spreading

scriptural holiness over all the lands! There is no time like the present to commit ourselves to following God into the future with faith, prayerfully believing that our church, under God, can do even greater things than we ever dared to attempt before.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated at 3:00 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon. It was administered by the Council of Bishops with the active participation of bishops of the several Jurisdictions and representatives of the Central Conferences and the Autonomous Churches related to The United Methodist Church.

The Council of Bishops was joined in the processional by the Judicial Council.

The musical aspects of the service were under the direction of Prof. Carlton R. Young. Mr. Jonas Nordwall of First United Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon, was the organist. Participating in the service were an instrumental ensemble consisting of members of the Portland Symphony and The Chamber Singers of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

The ushers were under the supervision of Mr. Shedrich Williams, and the pages under that of the Reverend William R. Lavely.

The Communion Table was arranged with The First Communion Set of Wesley Chapel (John Street Church, New York City), used first by Bishop Thomas Coke and Bishop Francis Asbury and still in use; and the Embury Bible, used by Philip Embury in Ireland and brought to America by him in 1768, and read by Philip Embury at the Dedication of John Street Church October 30, 1768, and by others at later rededication services of John Street Church. Philip Embury's signature is on the first page of the New Testament.

The elements were brought to the altar by The Reverend Arshad Haqq, The Reverend Alice G. Morrison, Miss Margarita P. Gonzalez, Mr. Kurt Walls, Mrs. Shirley Kanada, Mrs. Helloise Hill, Mr. Shedrich Williams, and Mr. Randy Punley.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE—Fantasy on "O Sons and Daughters" ..... Walter Pelz
Organ, brass and timpani

GREETING

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.
The Risen Christ is with us!
Praise the Lord!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 1—"O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"

Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinners' ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor, believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy. Amen.

THE INVITATION ..... Bishop Jack M. Tuell

You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to almighty God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Let us pray (all seated)
When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are his people who have preferred our wills to his.
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Eternal Father, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church:
we have not done your will,
we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

THE WORDS OF PARDON

Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is God's own proof of his love toward us."
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE:—"Canticle of Praise" ..... Carlton R. Young

Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord;
Sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever;
Bless the Lord, sun and moon;
Bless the Lord, stars of heaven;
Bless the Lord, all things that grow in the earth;
Bless the Lord, seas and rivers;
Bless the Lord, all creatures that move in the waters;
Bless the Lord, all birds of the air;
Bless the Lord, all people on earth;
Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble of heart.

(Anthem setting for choir and brass, written for this service; text adapted from No. 616; *The Song of the Three Young Men*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS ..... Bishop Prince A. Taylor
OLD TESTAMENT—Jeremiah 31:31-35

THE EPISTLE—Ephesians 2: 10-18

GRADUAL HYMN NO. 447—"The Strife Is O'er"

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun;
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst:
Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL—St. Matthew 26: 17-31

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us unite in this historic confession of the Christian faith:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SERMON—ON BEING IN COVENANT ..... Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Let us pray—
That this General Conference may gather in love and good will, and that The United Methodist Church may achieve her holy purpose in unity, faith and service to persons everywhere.
That this company assembled may exalt the Lordship of Jesus Christ for all of life and proclaim the Gospel as adequate for the salvation of the world.

This is our prayer.
That all lay persons, ministers, missionaries, teachers and servants in the Church may be faithful stewards of thy mission and strengthened daily in their labors.
That in our deliberations we shall overcome all forms of human exploitation which deprive persons of their selfhood and deny them their dignity as the children of God.

This is our prayer.
That this General Conference may give earnest attention to the physical,

intellectual and spiritual hunger of persons everywhere in the world and make the coming days ones of courageous response to their needs.

This is our prayer.
That the leaders of the nations may govern with justice and mercy.

This is our prayer.
That this General Conference shall with joy publish its word in the open face of the sun and raise a standard of hope that will promise deliverance and redemption to the discouraged, the oppressed and persecuted throughout the world.

This is our prayer.
That we may remember in gratitude and love those whom we have known and loved in General Conference who have died in the faith and left to us an unfading memory of victorious living, renewing in our hearts faith in life everlasting.
Period of Silence.

This is our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE
(The Bishops will move into the delegated body extending peace.
Let all persons throughout the assembly extend the greeting of peace to those near to them.)

THE OFFERING—FOR WORLD HUNGER

OFFERTORY ANTHEMS:—"Set Me As A Seal" ..... William Walton

Set me as a seal upon thine heart,
Set me as a seal upon thine arm;
For love is strong as death;
Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can the floods drown it.

"Easter Anthem" ..... William Billings
(c. 1785)

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.
And did he rise?
Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead!
He rose and burst the bars of death, and triumphed over the grave.
Then I rose!
Then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light, and seized eternal youth
Man all immortal hail, heaven, all lavish gifts to man.
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss!

(Billings is the U.S.A.'s first significant
composer of music for "singing schools")

DOXOLOGY: ..... Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures, here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.
And with you also.
Life up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Father, it is right that we should always and everywhere give you thanks and praise.
You created all things and called them good.
You made us in your own image.
You have at all times and all places raised up those who loved and followed you, and proclaimed your name: prophets, patriarchs, apostles and saints.
With them, and all your people now on earth and in heaven we join together in worshipping and glorifying you.

THE SANCTUS (In Unison)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We thank you, holy Father, that you loved the world so much you sent your only Son to be our Savior.
The Lord of all life came to live among us.
He healed and taught all persons, ate with sinners, and won for you a new people by water and the Spirit.
We saw his glory.
He humbled himself in obedience to your will, freely accepting death on a cross.
By dying, he freed us from unending death; by rising from the dead, he gave us everlasting life.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, the Lord Jesus took bread.
(Here let the Bishop lift the bread)
After giving you thanks, he broke the bread,
(Here let the Bishop break the bread)
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
When the supper was over, he took the cup.
(Here let the Bishop lift the cup)
Again he returned thanks to you, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Drink from this, all of you, this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins.
When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

We remember and proclaim, Heavenly Father, what your Son has done for us in his life and death, in his resurrection and ascension.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, in union with Christ's offering for us, as a reasonable and holy surrender of ourselves.
Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us, this General Conference, gathered here out of love for you, and on these gifts.
Help us know in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this cup the presence of Christ who gave his body and blood for us.
Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in service to all persons.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all glory and honor is yours, Father. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today the bread we need. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND TAKING OF THE CUP

(As the Bishop breaks the bread, he says:)
When we break the bread, it is a means of sharing in the body of Christ.
(As the Bishop lifts the cup, he says:)
When we give thanks over the cup, it is a means of sharing in the blood of Christ.

THE GIVING

(The Holy Communion will be received from the Bishops stationed in front of the platform. The Communion will be taken standing and by intinction.)

HYMNS AT THE DISTRIBUTION—(Choir and Congregation)

No. 330—"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. Amen.

No. 204—"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear thy voice, O Son of man!

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of thy tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness,
From woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress
Thy heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for thee
Still holds the freshness of thy grace;
Yet long these multitudes to see
The sweet compassion of thy face.

O Master, from the mountainside,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again.

Till sons of men shall learn thy love
And follow where thy feet have trod;
Till, glorious from thy heaven above,
Shall come the city of our God! Amen.

No. 317—"The Bread of Life, For All is Broken"

The bread of life, for all is broken!
He drank the cup on Golgotha.
His grace we trust, and spread with reverence
This holy feast, and thus remember.

With godly fear we seek thy presence;
Our hearts distressed by people's grief.
The holy face is stained with bitter tears;
Our human pain still bearest thou with us.

O Lord, we pray, come thou among us,
Lighten our eyes, brightly appear!
Immanuel, heaven's joy unending,
Our life with thine forever blending. Amen.

No. 252—"Oh, pan del cielo" Himnario Metodista.....Juan Bautista Cabrera
Tune: Hebron

¡Oh, pan del cielo, dulce bien
más excelente que‿el maná!
Si‿el alma busca tu sostén,
eternamente vivirá.

¡Oh, nuevo pacto del Señor,
en santa copa de salud!
Reconciliado‿el pecador,
se‿acerca‿a Dios por tu virtud.

Hambrienta el alma, vengo a ti,
mi buen Jesús, con viva fe:
tu mesa es franca para mí,
y en humildad me acercaré.

Sé tú mi pan consubstancial
que al alma nutra y dé vigor;
y en vida y jubilo inmortal
diré las glorias de tu amor. Amén.

No. 222—"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Than Jesus' Blood"

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

Motet
"O Sacred Feast" ..... Healey Willan

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received;
The memory of his passion is renewed in us.
Our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

Prayer After Receiving
You have given yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love has made us a new people;
as a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts;
help us to glorify you in all things.

May this General Conference be an instrument of your grace and glory and true witness to the church as the body of Christ.

Empower us as we leave this table to resolve to conduct the business of this General Conference in mutual trust and gracious affection toward one another, ever remembering that we stand in your presence, meet in your name, and that we are called to walk in the light of your love as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN NO. 137—"Spirit of Faith Come Down" ..... Charles Wesley

Spirit of faith, come down,
Reveal the things of God;
And make to us the Godhead known,
And witness with the blood,
'Tis thine the blood to apply
And give us eyes to see,
Who did for every sinner die
Hath surely died for me.

No man can truly say
That Jesus is the Lord,
Unless thou take the veil away,
And breathe the living Word.
Then, only then, we feel
Our interest in his blood,
And cry, with joy unspeakable,
"Thou art my Lord, my God!"

O that the world might know
The all-atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show
The virtue of his name.
The grace which all may find,
The saving power, impart;
And testify to all mankind,
And speak in every heart.

Inspire the living faith,
Which whosoe'er receives
The witness in himself he hath,
And consciously believes;
That faith that conquers all,
And doth the mountain move,
And saves whoe'er on Jesus call,
And perfects them in love. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Improvisation on the music of this service ..... Jonas Nordwall

Opening Session

The 1976 session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the Memorial Coliseum Arena in Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, April 27, 1976, following the Service of Holy Communion. Presiding was Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr., of the New York Area, Northeastern Jurisdiction, and President of the Council of Bishops.

Bishop W. Ralph Ward: It is of interest to a large number of you, I think, that the gavel that I hold, with which I have called this conference to order, the wood in it was made from some of the wood of the original John Street Chapel, our first church here in the United States. The same gavel was used to open the General Conference 76 years ago, meeting in the city of Chicago in 1900. It is my high privilege and joy to call to order this 1976 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Roll Call—J. B. Holt, Secretary

The Chair recognized *J. B. Holt*, Secretary of the General Conference, for the roll call. *Dr. Holt* gave instructions to chairpersons of annual conference delegations for the completion of the roll call. He read the names of bishops who had died since the adjournment of the last General Conference: Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Bishop Dionisio Deista Alejandro, Bishop Paul M. Herrick, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Bishop Stephen Trowen Nagbe, Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Bishop W. Angie Smith, Bishop Edgar A. Love, Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Bishop James H. Straughn, Bishop J. Gordon Howard, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Bishop Clement D. Rockey. *Dr. Holt* stated that only one elected delegate to this General Conference had been reported deceased, *Glen E. Thompson* (Kansas East).

Dr. Holt certified the presence of a quorum.

The Secretary of the Council of Bishops reported the attendance of the bishops as follows:

All 45 active bishops from the Jurisdictional Conferences were present. All 14 of the active Central Conference bishops were present except Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa. The following retired bishops from Jurisdictional Conferences were present: Bishops Corson, Garrison, Hardin, Harmon, Henley, Ledden, Lord, Moore, Mueller, Nall, Pendergrass, Pope, Pryor, Raines, Short, Smith, Sparks, and Voigt. The following retired bishops of Central Conferences were present: Barbieri, Dodge, Ferrer, Mondol, Pickett, Shaw, Sundaram, Valencia, Wunderlich, and Zottele.

The Secretary of the Judicial Council reported that all members were present.

The delegation chairpersons reported the following delegates were in attendance:

Agra Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Sisa M. Sagar
Lay—Samuel Charles

Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—Paul A. Duffey, Thomas L. Butts, John E. Vickers, Roy T. Sublette, Rex M. Mixson, E. Robert Dickerson
Lay—Alice F. Lee, Coleman H. McGehee, Mrs. Opal Barrow, William H. Abbott, Foy Campbell, Kenneth Cooper

Angola Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Absent
Lay—Absent

Baltimore Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—David H. Andrews, Forrest C. Stith, L. Carroll Yingling, Jr., Rebecca K. Barger, Wilson A. Shearer, Harold G. Johnson, Sr., Herbert L. D. Doggett, C. Douglas Cooney, Merrill W. Drennan
Lay—Martha S. Ross, Harry K. Underwood, Barbara R. Thompson, James F. W. Talley, Barbara W. Lavery, Thurman L. Dodson, Everett R. Jones, Charles L. Mann, Helen F. Wicklein, Annie R. Thompson
Ministerial Reserve—Edward B. Lewis

Bengal Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Sukumar Baidya
Lay—Rehmat Masih Gill

Bombay Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Justin N. Harris
Lay—Darsi J. Ratnam

California-Nevada Annual Conference (W)
Ministerial—Martha G. Rowlett, Clifford S. Droke, John V. Moore, Arthur Thurman, Thomas P. Grissom, Jr., Lloyd K. Wake
Lay—J. Melvin Brawn, Frank Webber, Kathryn Carroll, Frances Hernandez, Gwendolyn B. Williams, Kathy LaPoint

Central Illinois Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—Eugene J. Moore, Wayne C. Hess, W. Harold Loyd, Frank H. Nestler, Donald J. Jones, Walter D. Krech, E. Paul Unger, Burt A. McIntosh, Floy J. Ekin
Lay—Ellen R. Hanna, Lloyd M. Bertholf, Gerald L. Downie, Porter J. Womeldorff, Alvin L. Rountree, Mary Eleanor Woodruff, Anna F. Kennedy, Bryce Barnes, Richard E. Reeves

Central New York Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—Robert L. Homer, James E. Spear, William R. Swales, Robert J. McCune
Lay—Robert L. Mann, Charles Chase, Thomas Milligan, Mrs. Rachel Hayward

Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—Daniel L. Shearer, Robert L. Close, Arthur W. Stambach, Thomas W. Guinivan, David R. Higgins, Paul E. Myers, Donald H. Treese, John P. Taylor, Brian A. Fetterman, H. Richard Welliver
Lay—Kenneth Plummer, Charles E. Edgar, Robert E. Knupp, Doreen Bailey, R. Andrew Lady, Phyllis E. Close, Conrad M. Page, Jr., Geraldine B. Heilman
Lay Reserves—Gloria Keller, H. Leroy Marlowe

Central Texas Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Sidney Roberts, Walter L. Underwood, Luther W. Henry, William M. Greenwaldt, Don M. Pike
Lay—Pat Stroman, Mrs. Marjorie Burns, Dr. Alice Wonders, Eldon B. Mahon
Lay Reserve—Mrs. Ruby Bane

Central Zaire Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Mukandu D. Ashema
Lay—Ekoko L. Onema
Czechoslovakia Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Miroslav Frankovsky
Lay—Vlastislav Malac
Delhi Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Elliot D. Clive
Lay—Alick Spurzin Seymour
Denmark Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial Reserve—Erik Kyst
Lay Reserve—Niels Christian Jorgensen
Detroit Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—Raymond R. Lamb, Paul F. Blomquist, Woodie W. White, Robert E. Horton, Edward L. Duncan, James W. Bristah, Carl E. Price, John N. Grenfell, Kenneth R. Callis
Lay—Mrs. Jane Schairer, Mrs. Irene T. Norris, Miss Janet Luciani, James A. Starr, William C. Hitchcock, Mrs. Frieda Spafford, Harold M. Karls, Mrs. Jean S. Sikkenga, Ms. Mary Good
East Ohio Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—Thomas L. Cromwell, Donald Burge, Charles Dailey, Allan H. Zagray, Abraham Brandyberry, Robert Tolbert, Forrest Nees, Robert Courtney, Kenneth Hulit, Blake Wagner, Van Bogard Dunn, Calvin Myers
Lay—Thomas P. Moore, Virgil Zimmerman, Betty Clymer, John Chittum, Leonard White, Bernadine Cooke, Francis Lang, Francis Glasgow, Doris Clary, Alfred Bonds, Leslie Jackson, Arlene Dammann
Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—George W. Bashore, Mark J. Hostetter, Henry H. Nichols, F. Lewis Walley, Robert P. Longenecker, William T. Cherry, Harold S. Peiffer, Charles S. Kerr
Lay—Ruth Daugherty, Harold H. Quickel, Reta Barto, Anne Nicholson, Mark Albright, Lawton Shroyer, Horace F. Ether, Claude Schoenly
Florida Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—Alfred A. Hedberg, Millard C. Cleveland, Walter B. Rutland, J. Lloyd Knox, Gene Zimmerman, Ernest W. Newman, W. Scott Bozeman, James C. Rowan, Hector Navas, M. McCoy Gibbs, C. Durward McDonell, Ralph B. Huston, Walter N. Kalaf
Lay—Richard V. Moore, Dollie Crist, Beth A. Fogle, P. B. Revels, Ethel M. Gray, O. B. Fanning, Frank H. Furman, Jr., Barbara B. Wilcox, Polly L. Cook, Jimmy Sowder, Charles H. Stewart, Olive B. Watson, T. Winston Cole
Annual Conference in German Democratic Republic (OS)
Ministerial—Gerhard Hawemann, Karl Meier
Lay—Harry Schneidereit, Karl-Heinz Enke
Methodist Church in Great Britain (OS)
Ministerial—John Stacey, Blanche Baker
Lay—Jennifer Norgate
Gujarat Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Raiji M. Rathod
Lay—John B. Rathod
Holston Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—Sam N. Varnell, Jr., George E. Naff, Jr., Robert L. Wilcox, Ben B. St.Clair, Ralph W. Mohney, H. Walter Willis, Jr., J. Spurgeon McCartt, Gordon C. Goodgame, John N. Trundle
Lay—Mrs. Lois Quesenberry, Carroll H. Long, John T. Lundy, Fred P.

Entler, Frank A. Weigel, Jr., Mrs. Martha Ragsdale, Sam P. McConnell, Steve Galyon
Lay Reserve—Mrs. Jean Troy

Hyderabad Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Houle S. Gladstone
Lay—Jacket B. Immanuel

Iowa Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—Edwin C. Boulton, Alferd E. Wilken, Frank A. Nichols, Worthie K. Usher, Harold W. Dellit, Arthur B. Campney, Donald R. Arthur, P. Boyd Mather, C. Dendy Garrett, Lester L. Moore, Stanley C. Kennedy, Wayne E. Shoemaker
Lay—K. June Goldman, Rosalie J. Bentzinger, Marjorie Kreager, Mary Yaggy, Kathryne Sears, Kathy Miller Vilmont, Wayne Marty, William P. Appelgate, Rainsford A. Brown, Sr., Paul V. Shearer, Lester C. Mealiff, Max W. Kreager

Kansas East Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Merwin R. Kurtz, Richard E. Johnson, Clare J. Hayes, H. Sharon Howell
Lay—John E. Stumbo, Wesley W. Wulfkuhle, Frances M. Manson, Curtis D. Sides
Ministerial Reserve—Patrick Freeman
Lay Reserve—Kathleen C. Bailey

Kansas West Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Bruce Blake, Clarence Borger, LeRoy Bott, Donald E. Carper, Clarence M. Fogleman, Jr., Richard B. Wilke
Lay—Marvin D. McReynolds, Irene L. Georg, Wilma L. Meier, Tom E. Hartman, Avenell R. Elliott, Walter F. Mugler

Kentucky Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—David A. Seamands, Robert W. Gardner, Donald W. Durham, Albert W. Sweazy
Lay—Cornelius R. Hager, Dorothy R. Buxton, Sarah P. Crain, Robert G. Mayfield

Liberia Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—David S. Doe
Lay—William V. S. Tubman, Jr.

Little Rock Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—George W. Martin, J. Edward Dunlap, Virgil D. Keeley, Negail R. Riley
Lay—John Blundell, Don L. Riggin, Richard P. Meredith, Mrs. Zenobia P. Waters

Louisiana Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—William T. Handy, Jr., James W. Hearn, Douglas L. McGuire, Benedict A. Galloway, Alfred L. Norris
Lay—Mrs. Mary A. Compton, Mrs. Inez W. Chrisentery, W. D. Cotton, J. R. Kemmerly
Ministerial Reserve—Clyde C. Frazier, Jr.
Lay Reserves—Hubert M. Blanchard, John B. Tubb

Louisville Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—Fred R. Pfisterer, Paul Shepherd, Emil D. McAdams, Harry A. Pullen, Jr.
Lay—Rhoda A. Peters, Thomas R. McQuary, Wesley E. Clark
Lay Reserve—Walter A. Graham

Lucknow Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Robert M. Singh
Lay—Dilip Kumar

Madhya Pradesh Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Samson Solomon
Lay—Nayan Boro
Maine Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—S. Clifton Ives
Lay—Inger Abbott
Memphis Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—William P. Bailey, Lloyd W. Ramer, J. Harold Beaty, Jack H. Henton, Ed L. Crump, Jr.
Lay—Joe Pevahouse, R. H. Bond, Mrs. Virginia Whitworth, Roy Stephenson, Kim Brown
Middle Philippines Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Nonato Vengco
Lay—Rodolfo C. Beltran
Mindanao Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Benjamin B. Soriano
Lay—Andrea A. Agbisit
Minnesota Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—Charles Purdham, Stanley Hanks, Delton Krueger, Lyle Christianson, H. Thomas Walker, E. Russell Praetorius, Joyce Haberman
Lay—Betty Jean Foster, Kathleen Haining, Leonard Harkness, Norma Larson, Lyle Schreiber, Marlene Wordelman, William McPherson
Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—J. W. Leggett, Jr., Robert M. Matheny, G. Eliot Jones, John L. Ash, III, Henry Clay, Jr., Clay F. Lee, Jr.
Lay—Mrs. Josie Smith, Bert Jordan, Mrs. Alice Scarborough, Edwin E. Moorhead
Lay Reserves—Cathy Wells, A. Dan Breland
Missouri East Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—John W. Ward, Monk Bryan, Neil L. Stein, John C. Montgomery, Jr.
Lay—Nancy McMullin, J. Clinton Hawkins, Mrs. Ava Swofford
Lay Reserve—Walter Wilkening
Missouri West Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Louis W. Schowengerdt, George C. Moore, C. Jarrett Gray, Sr., George E. Poe, F. Hauser Winter, W. Carlton Knight
Lay—Mrs. Mary Hampton, Aubrey B. Speer, Ralph L. Scott, Mrs. Ann Higgins, E. C. Walker
Lay Reserve—Mrs. Jane Black
Moradabad Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Charles S. Khyalie
Lay—Manohar Lal
Nebraska Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Kenneth W. Hicks, Marvin V. Herrick, Emmett T. Streeter, Alva H. Clark, C. Rex Bevins, John H. Mikkelsen
Lay—G. Alan Dunlap, Warren K. Urbom, Norbert Sukovaty, Mrs. Helen Marie Clark, Mrs. Yvonne Ferris, Robert M. Harris
New Hampshire Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—Ernest R. Drake
Lay—Beverly Boyden
New Mexico Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Harry Vanderpool, Bervin O. Caswell
Lay—Lucille F. Burkhalter
Lay Reserve—John Townsend

New York Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—William M. James, Richard S. Parker, Irving A. Marsland, Jr., Paul F. Abel, Douglas F. Verdin, J. Philip Gehres, Matthew H. Gates, Norma A. Rust
Lay—Vivian P. Overton, Sydney H. Atkinson, Howard H. Darling, William T. Staubach, Gloster B. Current, Jeanette Winton, Miriam Isaacs, William C. Kirkwood, Theressa Hoover
Ministerial Reserve—John E. Carrington

North Alabama Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—S. J. Elmore, Charles L. Hutchinson, Robert C. Morgan, R. E. Kimbrough, Thomas F. Stevenson, Paul L. Clem, John E. Rutland
Lay—Ed Montgomery, Mrs. Eva Walker, Mrs. Myrtle Gordon, Ransom Durr, Eddie Self, Ms. Nina Reeves, George Hundley, William C. Brannon
Ministerial Reserve—Charles F. Betts

North Arkansas Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Joel A. Cooper, Earl B. Carter, Charles P. McDonald, Ben F. Jordan
Lay—Mildred Osment, Robert D. Cheyne, Homer H. Fulbright, Nadine Hardin

North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—James H. McCallum, Charles H. Mercer, William J. Neese, Harvey L. Watson, Simeon F. Cummings, John M. Cline, Wallace H. Kirby, Warren B. Petteway, Harold F. Leatherman, Nicholas W. Grant
Lay—Grier L. Garrick, Mildred Fry, Marjorie Mann, George H. Forehand, John M. Meares, Richard B. Bryant, Jr., Jean Dorsett, Nelson Gibson
Lay Reserves—Ross E. Townes, Steve Banks

North Dakota Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—David Knecht
Lay—Robert Sundin

North Georgia Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—T. Cecil Myers, A. C. Epps, L. Bevel Jones, Gordon G. Thompson, H. Dan Rice, Eugene T. Drinkard, William H. Ruff, Robert L. Taylor, Larry A. Bauman, Charles R. Williams
Lay—Joe B. Dekle, James A. Mackay, D. W. Brooks, Ms. Lee Drinkard, Bert Lance, Mrs. Maude Sneed, Mrs. Elizabeth Pickett, T. R. Wilson, Ms. Marilyn Roberts, Paul Webb, Jr.

North India Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Cecil T. Richards
Lay—Absent

North Indiana Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—Virgil V. Bjork, Merrell D. Geible, Gerald H. Jones, R. Sheldon Duecker, John D. Wolf, B. Willis Gierhart, A. Hunter Colpitts, Yung S. Chen, Richard E. Kistler
Lay—Charles E. Hefley, Leila Sites, Anita Fenstermacher, George Davis, Pam O. Anderson, George W. McDermott, C. H. Ade
Lay Reserves—Jewell Helms, Marianne Norman

North Mississippi Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—E. A. Bailey, Merlin D. Conoway, John D. Humphrey, Sr., Prentiss M. Gordon, Sr.
Lay—George Berry, Mrs. Elizabeth Stansel, Joe Bailey, Jr., Granville D. Crockett

North Shaba Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Ngoy K. Wa Kadilo
Lay—Mrs. Mujinga Kamwashi

North Texas Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Albert C. Outler, Zan Holmes, Jr., William E. Trice, Thomas J. Shipp, Benjamin R. Oliphint, R. Bruce Weaver
Lay—Mrs. Judy M. Gilreath, George M. Boswell, Leo L. Baker, Mrs. Martha Boyd Watson
Lay Reserves—Mrs. Mary May, E. C. Ransom
Northern Illinois Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—Willie B. Clay, Eugene M. Wykle, Richard D. Tholin, Edsel A. Ammons, Merlyn W. Northfelt, Charles W. Jordan, Jose R. Velazquez, William D. White, Charles S. Jarvis
Lay—Frances Alguire, Walter S. Lennartson, Carolyn Oehler, John R. Van Sickle, Norma Wieting, Helen Fannings, Hazel Cummings, Robert Albrecht, Joseph T. Johnson
Northern New Jersey Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—Dean A. Lanning, Clark W. Hunt, Eli S. Rivera, Robert B. Goodwin
Lay—Bettilou Holland, Clair W. Black, Paul Hardin, Abigail J. Cope
Northern New York Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—Arthur B. Oot, Jr., Allison C. Wood
Lay—Mrs. Shirley Williams, Charles F. Schoenlein
Northern Philippines Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Abelardo Ibasco
Lay—Feliciano Turingan
Northwest Germany Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Walter A. Siering, Wolfgang Olfermann
Lay—Werner Kuehl, Axel Magdowski
Northwest Philippines Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Gregorio R. Bailen
Lay—Restituto F. Samson
Northwest Texas Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Clifford E. Trotter, Charles E. Lutrick, Ted J. Dotts, Darris L. Egger
Lay—Jim Waterfield, Charles Tyler, Wendell M. Tooley, B. M. Bruckner
Norway Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Gustav Soiland
Lay—Olaf Lien
Oklahoma Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—John W. Russell, William R. Henry, J. Clifton Sprouls, Lloyd A. Peters, Merle B. Pulver, Lester A. Meyer, Howard L. Plowman, William B. Oden, Irving L. Smith, J. Chess Lovern
Lay—Dolphus Whitten, Jr., L. T. Hicks, Jim A. Egan, Frank W. Davis, Tal Oden, Bob Carlisle, Mrs. Mary Metzel, Mrs. Becky Markham, Theodore L. Agnew, Susie English
Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference (W)
Ministerial—William O. Walker, Thomas Whitehead
Lay—Erwin H. Schwiebert, Dorothy Patch, Jeanie Stoppel
Ministerial Reserve—Alice G. Morrison
Pacific Northwest Annual Conference (W)
Ministerial—Melvin M. Finkbeiner, Joe A. Harding, Stanley P. DePano, Norman R. Lawson, Paul J. Beeman
Lay—Elaine J. Woodworth, Robert W. Stevens, Barbara J. Wilde, Willard A. Zellmer, Norma C. Eby
Peninsula Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—Felton E. May, Raymond J. Cooke, William Hemphill, Joseph G. Stapleton

Lay—A. Frank Chapman, Mary F. Cooke, James C. Hardcastle, Ralph O'Day

Philippines Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Clemente S. Zuniga, Jr.
Lay—Balbino E. Gatdula, Jr.

Poland Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Witold K. Benedyktowicz
Lay—Miss Jolanta Kuczma

Puerto Rico Annual Conference (NE)
Ministerial—Moises Freites
Lay—Victoria Hernandez

Rhodesia Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Josiah Chidzikwe
Lay—Alex Chibanguza

Rio Grande Annual Conference (SC)
Ministerial—Jose Galindo
Lay—Oscar O. Garza, IV

Rocky Mountain Annual Conference (W)
Ministerial—Harvey H. Potthoff, Calvin D. McConnell, Jameson Jones, Jon R. Nieves, William R. Persons
Lay—Paula Johnston, Joyce D. Sohl, Edward R. Naylor, Ruth Robinson, Rodney D. Anderson

South Carolina Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—A. McKay Brabham, James S. Barrett, J. W. Curry, Sr., Thomas N. Brittain, William C. Reid, Ralph A. Cannon, Omega Newman, Eben Taylor, C. J. Lupo, Jr., Charles L. Johnson
Lay—Fletcher Carter, Richard E. Fields, Mrs. Marion Gramling, Allen L. Code, R. L. Grigsby, Jr., Harry Kent, Mrs. Lois Burkhalter, Mrs. David Byrnside, Michael Watson
Lay Reserve—Mrs. Marion Jones

South Dakota Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—Earl H. Butz
Lay—Mrs. Persis Flint

South Georgia Annual Conference (SE)
Ministerial—G. Ross Freeman, A. Jason Shirah, Guy K. Hutcherson, C. Wilburne Hancock, David A. Duck, C. E. Cariker
Lay—George W. Mayo, Mrs. Augusta Carruth, S. Walter Martin, Miss Ina Randitt, Louis Jordon
Lay Reserve—J. Taylor Phillips

South Germany Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—Hermann L. Sticher, Rolf Dimmler
Lay—Heinz P. Fischer, Richard Jetter

South India Annual Conference (OS)
Ministerial—S. Yesumithra
Lay—E. Jayaprabhu

South Indiana Annual Conference (NC)
Ministerial—J. Kenneth Forbes, Gene P. Crawford, Leroy C. Hodapp, Robert C. Holmes, Richard E. Hamilton, David J. Lawson, Charles F. Stanton, Robert W. Koenig, Richard L. Christopher
Lay—John J. Thomas, Lois S. Ludwig, Clifford H. Bingham, Velma M. Harris, Basil Lorch, Jr., Edward C. Susat, John J. Easley, Thomas V. Bryant, Ray M. Crawford

Southeast Africa Annual Conference (OS)
Lay—Andre N. Bahule
Ministerial Reserve—Filimone M. Massuque

Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—Richard W. Cain, Elias G. Galvan, J. Irwin Trotter, Thomas K. Farley, Richard T. Burdine, DeWane R. Zimmerman, Fred H. Coots, Jr., George M. Mann, Melvin G. Talbert, N. Robert Kesler, Phyllis Tyler Wayman

Lay—Marilynn Mabee, William B. Rollins, Becky Kesler, Jean L. Wickett, Beverly J. Anderson, Pauline Bobbitt, Diane Moats, Clifford B. Aguilar, Ronald H. Warner, Milton K. Asano, Michael Lugo

Southern Illinois Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Boyd E. Wagner, Roland A. Lippman, James L. Nettleton, William B. Lewis

Lay—Freda Hasler, Marlene Cummins, Berlin T. Campbell, John R. Rider

Southern New England Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Blaine E. Taylor, C. Dale White, Jerome K. Del Pino, Terry C. Thomason, Julieanne S. Hallman

Lay—Elizabeth Ambler, Mary Lou Evans, Walter Thompson

Lay Reserves—Joyce Robinson, Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr.

Southern New Jersey Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Charles A. Sayre, Ernest W. Lee, Edward B. Cheney, Carl W. Halvorsen

Lay—Elizabeth S. Brogdon, William G. Mason, Ronald Beppler, Leon E. Walker

Southern Zaire Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Kayij Mutombu

Lay—Kat Namwan

Southwest Germany Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Hans-Jurgen Stoecker, Immanuel Dauner

Lay—Theodor Hermann, Horst Goebel

Southwest Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Prenza L. Woods, Ted Richardson, William M. Harris, J. Barcus Moore, Ralph H. Seiler

Lay—Tom Reavley, John T. King, Mrs. JoAnn Wilshusen, Tom Wise, Don Hand

Sweden Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Thorvald E. Kallstad

Lay Reserve—Mrs. Birgit Lind

Switzerland-France Annual Conference (OS)

Ministerial—Heinrich Bolleter, Herbert Humbel

Lay—Siegfried E. Stich, Theo Gsell

Tennessee Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Robert H. Spain, William W. Morris, L. D. Masters, J. E. Broyles, Roy C. Clark, Bill Starnes

Lay—James M. Bell, Anne McKenzie, Mrs. Gladys M. Fitts, Floyd Ford, D. R. Buttrey

Lay Reserve—Mrs. O. S. Luton

Texas Annual Conference (SC)

Ministerial—J. Kenneth Shamblin, Charles L. Allen, John W. Hardt, Wallace T. Shook, Robert E. Hayes, Sr., M. K. Kellow, Asbury Lenox, Allen M. Mayes, Wayne H. McCleskey, Elza L. Love

Lay—Ray W. Goens, Woodrow Seals, Hallie Morton, Joe B. Allen, Lenora F. Clark, Mrs. Vivienne Gray, Hazel M. Decker, Raymond D. Rhone, Mrs. Maurice Faubion

Lay Reserve—James Z. Roberts

Troy Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Luther A. Patton, Arthur R. Melius, Royal B. Fishbeck, Jr., Rowland S. Conklin

Lay—Earle N. Cooper, Alice Trost, Edith French, Arthur L. Doty

Virginia Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Carlton P. Minnick, Jr., Godfrey L. Tate, Jr., Paul D. Martin, Jr., Harold H. Fink, James R. Smith, James W. Turner, Harry B. Eaton, Ralph K. Eutsler, Jacob W. Mast, William E. Knight, Theodore E. Landis, Joseph T. Carson, Jr., Lee B. Sheaffer, Ernest K. Emurian, Esdras S. Gruver

Lay—W. Roland Walker, Jerry G. Bray, Jr., Ethel W. Born, Harold B. Kellam, Robert B. Carpenter, Jr., William T. Robey, Jr., Luther W. White, Sandra Baker, A. G. Jefferson, Patti B. Russell, John B. Russell, William C. Vaughan, Willard H. Douglas, Jr., John C. Simpson, Jr., Edgar Rowe

West Michigan Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Keith I. Pohl, David L. Crawford, Lawrence R. Taylor, John L. Francis, Marjorie S. Matthews

Lay—C. David Lundquist, Wanda R. Crosby, Bernard R. Shashaguay, Plyna G. Strong, Katherine W. Wilcox

West Ohio Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Emerson S. Colaw, Paul M. Vandegriff, Robert A. Byler, James E. Flinchbaugh, John F. Osborn, James T. Davis, Paul E. Stuckey, Joseph R. Graham, Carl C. Ling, Hughey L. Jones, W. Owen Delp, Jr., William K. Messmer, James H. McCormack, William E. Smith, Homer Glenn Biddle, Paul M. Minus, John C. Searle, Jr., William G. Patterson

Lay—Betty S. Condrey, Samuel L. Meyer, Mattie M. Henderson, Leonard Slutz, Daniel C. Jenkins, Sara E. Cox, Charles H. Weston, Jr., Louise Goodwin, Harold L. Boda, Charles K. Dilgard, Charles D. Redmond, Charles B. McVey, Harriet L. Miller, Eldred B. Heisel, Jane C. Baker, Dale F. DeLong

Lay Reserves—Joseph W. Shields, Torrey A. Kaatz

West Virginia Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Ramsey M. Bridges, Claude R. Collins, Robert E. Dille, Dale C. Waters, F. Rossing Smith, Arthur G. Backus, Melvin S. Risinger, Martha E. Loyd

Lay—Roy E. Blessing, Jean J. Beard, Herb H. Henderson, James E. Phipps, Mary E. Ryan, Roger G. Roberts, Harry L. Miller, D. W. Froe

Western New York Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Sherman B. Eckel, Richard W. Harrington, Vernon C. French, Vernon Bigler

Lay—Joseph H. Kite, Jr., Mrs. Jeanne D. Barger, Mrs. Lorena I. Crosby, John H. Minsker

Western North Carolina Annual Conference (SE)

Ministerial—Charles D. White, Jerry D. Murray, Thomas A. Langford, H. Claude Young, Jr., R. Herman Nicholson, James C. Peters, John H. Christy, Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., J. Clay Madison, Philip L. Shore, Jr., John L. McWhorter, H. Eugene Peacock, R. Paschal Waugh

Lay—Wesley Bailey, Lucy Gist, William T. Boyd, W. David Stedman, Mrs. Lurleen G. Barnhardt, Clarence M. Winchester, O. E. Dillon, R. Powell Majors, Mrs. Fletcher Nelson, Mrs. Viola Redding, James A. Summers, Joe C. Totherow, Jeremiah Wolfe

Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—Kenneth P. Rutter, James A. Woomer, Hugh D. Crocker, H. Donald Lash, Nelson E. Stants, William B. Grove, James L. Carraway, Gerald A. McCormick, Delbert E. Jolley, Paul M. Easter, Jack F. Emerick, Robert C. Siess

Lay—Lillian A. Sloan, Dwight M. Bittner, John G. Johnson, William M. Beatty, Herbert L. Gwyer, Howard J. Horton, Barbara Blackstone, Doris M. Handy

Lay Reserves—James Donner, G. Eugene Rote, Bernice Bishop, Joyce Anderegg

Wisconsin Annual Conference (NC)

Ministerial—Gordon R. Bender, Richard O. Truitt, Donald D. Fenner, Sharon B. Christopher, Stanford Strosahl, Perry H. Saito, Abraham Carey

Lay—Leigh Roberts, Ruth Tubbs, Patricia Soderholm, Lois Olson, Michael Gray, Irene Cramer, Joyce Mevis

Wyoming Annual Conference (NE)

Ministerial—James A. Wert, Edgar F. Singer, Robert E. Germond, William W. Reid, Jr.

Lay—Harry C. Woodfield, Mrs. Cathy Lashford, Mrs. Grace Terwilliger, Duane Vosburg

Yellowstone Annual Conference (W)

Ministerial—Herbert A. Cies

Lay—C. B. (Chappy) Nightingale

Missionary Conferences

Alaska Missionary Conference (W)

Ministerial—Robert D. Bowers

Lay—Mrs. Danita Trudeau

Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (SC)

Ministerial—Thomas Roughface, Sr.

Lay—Joan Deere

Red Bird Missionary Conference (SE)

Ministerial—John W. Bischoff

Lay—Mrs. Ruby Lambdin

Affiliated Autonomous and United Churches

Methodist Church of Argentina

Ministerial—Bishop Carlos T. Gattinoni

Lay—Mrs. Odila de Jacob

Protestant Church of Belgium

Ministerial—Andre J. Pieters

Lay—Ms. Ruth Fraisse-Lheureux

Methodist Church of Chile

Ministerial—Juan Vasquez

Lay—Mario Astorga

Methodist Church of Costa Rica

Ministerial—Samuel Calvo

Lay—Ramiro C. Soto

Dominican Evangelical Church

Ministerial—Noe Feliz Roman

Methodist Church of Hong Kong

Ministerial—Lincoln Leung

Lay—John Yue

United Church of Christ in Japan

Ministerial—Hajime Kashiwai, Kazuyoshi Morisawa

Lay—Matsuo Fukaya, Masae Harada

Korean Methodist Church

Ministerial—Bishop Chang Hee Kim, Ki Chul Nam

Lay—Kyu Whan Kim

Lay Reserve—Mrs. Margaret B. Judy

Methodist Church of Malaysia-Singapore

Ministerial—Denis C. Dutton

Lay—Yao Ping Hua

Methodist Church of Mexico
Ministerial—Alejandro M. Ruiz
Lay—Roberto Rios
United Methodist Church of Sierra Leone
Ministerial—Bishop Benjamin A. Carew
Lay—Kumba T. Turner
Methodist Church of Uruguay
Ministerial—Oscar L. Bolioli

Travel Expense Information

R. Bryan Brawner (Treasurer) gave instructions and information related to the filing of travel expense vouchers and the issuing of travel and per diem checks.

Commission on the General Conference

Gene E. Sease (Western Pennsylvania), chairperson of the Commission, made a brief statement and introduced *Norman L. Conard* (General Conference Business Manager), William Beatty and *Scott Bozeman* (Commission Vice-chairpersons), Herbert C. Hardy (Local Committee Chairperson), and *Earl Riddle* (Local Committee Executive Director). He then presented the Honorary Chairperson of the Local Committee, Bishop Jack Tuell, to bring official greetings to the Conference from the Portland Area.

Greetings

Bishop Jack M. Tuell (Portland Area): We welcome you all to Portland. I think you have perhaps found out by now that the climate can be delightful, and we are hoping that it will stay that way during these two weeks that we are together. I think you have had some opportunity to meet some of our people at the airport, at the hotel and many other places, and to sense something of the warmth of fellowship of discipleship that is ours here in this part of the world. There will be many opportunities for you who are delegates, as well as those who are not delegates—those who are visitors—to be engaged in a variety of activities. We hope that you will take note of these in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and out at the information booth and avail yourselves of them, so that this time will be a memorable one for you here in Portland. Dr. Sease made mention of a couple of our local people. I just want to say another word about them—in particular the chairperson, Mr. Herbert Hardy, who is a local attorney, a very devoted member of the First United Methodist Church of this city—and all of the people on this committee who have done so much.

I recall that it was in March, 1969, a little over seven years ago that some of us gathered together for the first meeting in Portland to start talking about the General Conference. And the period of intense activity of planning has taken place over the last three years. The last person I would like to mention is our executive director. He has been mentioned once but I think he deserves another good word, because Rev. Earl Riddle has given of himself with complete devotion to this task. He happens to be the director of the Council on Ministries of our Annual Conference, and has a fulltime job on his hands. But in addition to that, he took up on the executive directorship and has just been outstanding in terms of all that he has done to make possible the gathering together here.

So I want to pay tribute to those persons especially as we welcome you officially to the General Conference, to the City of Portland, to the Oregon-Idaho Conference and to the Portland Area. Thank you very much.

Commission on the General Conference—Report

Gene E. Sease resumed the report of the Commission. He noted that the Commission was assigned the responsibility of planning the schedule for the opening day, and that the schedule was printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate.*

He reported that invitations had been issued to fraternal delegates through a committee chaired by *Irving L. Smith* (Oklahoma), and that it was the recommendation of the Commission that an Order of the Day be established for Friday, April 30, at 11:30 a.m. for the presentation of fraternal delegates to the Conference. The Order of the Day was set by vote of the Conference.

Mr. Sease stated that it was the recommendation of the Commission that the per diem allowance for this General Conference be set at $25.00 per day for each delegate for the days said delegate is in attendance at the sessions of the Conference. The recommendation was approved by vote of the Conference.

Mr. Sease: Seating: We recommend that the seating chart on page A-7 become our seating plan and that active and retired members of the Judicial Council be seated on the platform along with the bishops. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Roger Burgess has been elected by the commission to serve as the editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate,* upon nomination by Dr. John Procter, publisher. We would like to express our profound appreciation to the publishing interests of the Church and to United Methodist Communications for the splendid cooperation which they have given this commission in making news of the General Conference available across the church, and in assisting us in cost reduction through the preparation of our reports in a uniform booklet.

This commission has been very cost conscious, and the publisher and his associates have been extremely helpful. We also express our deep appreciation to the Publishing House for the complimentary copies of the hymn books printed both in Spanish and in English. Dr. Carlton R. Young will again serve as our director of music. You will witness his masterful leadership throughout the sessions. He has brought together an impressive array of talented choirs and groups representative of our church to assist us in worship. The first of three telecasts featuring choirs and bishops leading worship will be viewed tomorrow morning at 7:00 on Channel 12.

The facilities for meetings of the legislative committees have been arranged as established by the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as authorized by the 1972 General Conference. The commission has cooperated with anticipated legislation which will shortly be presented as a part of the report of that committee under the leadership of Dr. Leonard Slutz. Because of questions which have been raised regarding the legality of motions from the floor to seat delegates with vote and provide per diem expense, the commission requested a ruling on this subject from the Judicial Council. The question asked was, "Who can elect and seat delegates to the General Conference and by what process?" The decision, No. 402, was as follows: (We quote that decision.) "It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the only legally constituted delegates to the General

Conference are those who are elected by the Annual Conferences or those elected by affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches or by the Methodist Church in Great Britain in concordats approved by the General Conference. Only such duly elected persons have all the rights and privileges of delegates including the right to expenses and per diem." Still another responsibility of our commission is to fix the time and place of the next General Conference. It is our present plan to meet in April, 1980, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Respectfully submitted, Gene Sease, chairperson; J. B. Holt, secretary.

The report was adopted by vote of the Conference.

Committee on Agenda

Douglas F. Verdin (New York), chairman of the committee, presented a preliminary report for the committee. He outlined the committee's general intentions with respect to the scheduling of time for legislative committee meetings and plenary sessions during the early days of the Conference. Other officers of the committee were introduced as *Willie B. Clay* (Northern Illinois), vice-chairman, and Yvonne Ferris (Nebraska), secretary. The report was received by action of the Conference.

Election of Secretarial Staff

Bishop Ralph T. Alton (Secretary, Council of Bishops) explained that *J. B. Holt* had been elected Secretary-Designate by the 1972 General Conference and would therefore serve as Secretary for the 1976 General Conference. He called on *Dr. Holt* to present nominations of persons to serve on the secretarial staff for this Conference. The persons nominated by *Dr. Holt* were elected (see pages 14-15).

Nominations—Standing Administrative Committees

Bishop Alton presented nominations from the Council of Bishops for membership on the Standing Administrative Committees of the Conference. He announced the locations in which the several committees would hold their organizational meetings and the names of the bishops designated to convene them. The persons nominated by the Council of Bishops to serve on these committees were elected by the Conference (see pages 19-21).

Interim Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

Leonard D. Slutz (West Ohio), chairman of the committee, presented the report. He stated that there were a number of changes proposed in the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, but suggested that, since many of them were comparatively minor, they be voted at the conclusion of the report instead of individually.

Mr. Slutz presented the following recommended changes: (Editor's note: The reference in parenthesis is to the page in this *Journal* on which the amended reading appears.)

1. In Plan of Organization I, A, delete the word "preceding" before "General Conference" (see page 158).
2. In Plan of Organization I, A, (2), *(d)*, following the reference to the *Discipline*, Pars. 38-40, add the words "as amended by Amendment VIII, Par. 67" (see page 158).
3. In Plan of Organization III, amend the last sentence to read as follows: "The committee shall be free to select a bishop for more than one session whenever it seems advisable." (see page 160)
4. In Plan of Organization V, delete that portion of the first sentence following the semicolon and substitute the following: "half of whom shall be elected by the General Conference each quadrennium" (see page 161).
5. In the same section, amend the sentence dealing with the filling of vacancies to read as follows: "If vacancies occur, the Council of Bishops shall elect successors to serve until the next session of the General Conference and then nominate for election by the General Conference persons to serve any remainder of the term." (see page 161)
6. In the same section, the third paragraph, add the following to the end of the first sentence: "and anticipated time of adjournment" (see page 161).
7. In Plan of Organization VI, A, (1), add a new *(e)* to read as follows: "*(e)* Each special study commission ordered by the previous General Conference shall be given 20 minutes on the agenda, as early as possible, for presentation of its report before reference to the appropriate legislative committee." (Editor's note: Inasmuch as this provision would have conflicted with a revision to Plan of Organization VI, A, (10), which was adopted in a later session of the Conference, it is not included in the Plan of Organization as printed in this *Journal.)*
8. In Plan of Organization VI, A, (1), *(f)*, add two new sentences as follows: "Priority shall be given to calendar items as soon as they are available. At the last plenary session of each day a tentative agenda for the next day shall be announced." (see page 163)
9. In Plan of Organization VI, A, (2), add a new *(e)* as follows: "and *(e)* give priority to calendar items involving majority and minority reports." (see page 163)
10. In Plan of Organization VI, A, (4), delete present *(b)* in its entirety and substitute the following new *(b)*: "*(b)*

Members of the General Conference desiring the adoption of resolutions of commendation, courtesy, appreciation, etc., shall submit them in writing to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges. The committee may initiate similar resolutions and edit and amend those submitted to it. Resolutions approved by the committee shall be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate,* and brought to the floor if the committee considers them of unusual importance or urgency." (see page 164)

11. In Plan of Organization VI, A, (4) *(e)*, substitute "ten" for "twenty" (see page 164).
12. In Plan of Organization VI, A, (5), add the following to the end of the second sentence: "indicating the length of time for which the change shall be effective." (see page 164)
13. In the same section, the third sentence, substitute a period for the semicolon and delete everything following the semicolon. At the beginning of the third sentence, add the words "Through the *Daily Christian Advocate*"; and add two new sentences. The last three sentences of VI, A, (5) would then read: "Through the *Daily Christian Advocate,* this Committee shall, in turn, report to the Conference all changes in seating which have been reported to it and approved by it. In the event of disapproval, or in connection with any other questions which may arise regarding the eligibility of seating any delegates, this Committee shall report to the General Conference with its recommendations. Any request for seating a person other than an elected delegate shall be submitted to the Credentials Committee for its consideration and recommendation." (see pages 164-165)
14. In Plan of Organization VI, A, (7), delete the last three words of the first sentence and all of the second sentence; substitute the following at the end of the first sentence: "through the *Daily Christian Advocate,* unless a correction needs to be made." (see page 165)
15. In Plan of Organization VI, A, (10), the fourth sentence, immediately after the words "Quadrennial Reports," insert the following new language: "all reports and recommendations from General Boards, General Councils, Standing or Special Commissions and Committees." (see page 166) (Editor's note: This sentence was further amended later in the conference.)
16. In the same section, the second paragraph, following the words "origin and destination," the committee recommended inserting two new sentences as follows: "Where

the Committee finds two or more substantially identical petitions, it may assign consecutive numbers to them, printing only the group of numbers, followed, without separate paragraphing, by the names of the persons submitting the petitions. When a single petition is signed by a number of people, the committee need print only the name of the first signer, with an indication of the total number of signers."

Mr. Slutz indicated that the Committee on Reference wished to propose a substitute for this recommendation. The Chair recognized *William P. Bailey* (Memphis) for presentation of the substitute.

Mr. Bailey: The substitute that the Reference Committee proposes would cause this addition to read: "Where the committee finds two or more substantially identical petitions, it may group them under one title and number, indicating the total number of petitions. In the case of a single petition signed by a number of people, the Committee need print only the name of the first signer, with an indication of the total number of signers."

Mr. Bailey spoke in support of the substitute, and it was adopted by vote of the Conference. (see page 167)

Mr. Slutz resumed presentation of the committee's recommended changes in the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

17. In Plan of Organization VI, B, the first sentence, following the words "present legislation of the church," insert this phrase: "including all reports and recommendations from General Boards, Councils, and Standing or Special Commissions or Committees"; delete the language which now follows the semicolon in this sentence (see page 167).
18. In the same section, delete the three sentences beginning with the words "Too extensive use . . ." and ending with ". . . authorize immediately consideration of this report."
19. In Plan of Organization VI, C, the committee proposed changes which would result in the first choice of legislative committee assignment alternating between the first lay delegate and first ministerial delegate, and then between subsequently elected lay delegates and ministerial delegates, in each annual conference delegation. This was proposed as a substitute for existing language which provided that the first lay delegate from each annual conference had the first choice of legislative committee assignment at every General Conference. In the same section the committee proposed other editorial changes to accommodate the reduction of the number of legislative committees from fourteen to ten (see pages 170-171).

20. In the same section, at the end of the first paragraph, following the material in parentheses, add two new sentences as follows: "Whenever a delegation has more than one member on a legislative committee, its members shall be divided as equally as possible between lay and clergy. Thus, if there are three members on a committee, they shall be two clergy and one lay or vice versa." (see page 171)
21. In the same section, at the end of the second paragraph, add a new last sentence: "Each person seated in the General Conference with right to speak but not vote may submit to the Secretary of the General Conference a choice of a legislative committee and shall have the same right in that committee to speak but not vote." (see page 171)
22. In Plan of Organization VI, D, (1), add a new sentence as follows: "The first meeting of the legislative committee shall be held as soon as possible following the first plenary session of the General Conference." (see page 172)

Time Extended

The Chair called attention to the fact that the time set for adjournment had been reached, and asked whether the Conference wished to extend the time for the completion of the report which was in progress. By action of the Conference, the time was extended.

Report Resumed

Mr. Slutz resumed presentation of the committee report.

23. In Plan of Organization VI, D, (1), following the new sentence added previously, the committee recommended the addition of another sentence as follows: "The expediter assigned by the Secretary of the General Conference shall give a brief statement of the purpose and work of the committee, after which the election of its officers shall be the first item of business." (see page 172. Editor's Note: The General Conference did not approve a subsequent recommendation of the committee, which would have authorized the Secretary to select an expediter for each legislative committee; therefore, the reference to the role of the expediter does not appear in the Plan of Organization as printed in this *Journal.)*
24. In Plan of Organization VI, D, (1), delete sub-paragraph *(b)* and reletter *(c)* as *(b)* (see page 172).

Mr. Slutz presented the committee's recommendation for the addition of a new section VI, D, (1), *(c)*. The proposed new

sub-paragraph contained provisions governing the selection and responsibilities of persons who would serve the Conference's standing legislative committees as expediters.

C. P. Minnick, Jr. (Virginia) moved to delete the proposed new sub-paragraph VI, D, (1), *(c)* in its entirety. He spoke in support of his motion to delete on the grounds that each of the functions proposed for the expediters could be better cared for in other ways. Mr. Slutz spoke in support of the committee recommendation. Gloster Current (New York) supported the motion to delete. By vote of the Conference, the proposed new sub-paragraph was deleted from the report.

Mr. Slutz resumed presentation of the amendments to the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order proposed by the committee.

25. In Plan of Organization VI, D, add a new (4) to read as follows: "(4) Each legislative committee shall establish an area in which only voting committee members will be seated. Staff, resource persons, and visitors may speak only when authorized, in each instance by specific committee action." (see page 172)
26. In Plan of Organization VI, D, add a new (5) to read as follows: "(5) Legislative committees are urged to give priority to significant and controversial legislation so that their reports on such matters may be printed as soon as possible in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and considered by the General Conference." (see page 172)
27. In Plan of Organization VI, D, add a new (6) to read as follows: "(6) Minority reports should be encouraged so that differing views held by a significant portion of the committee may be carefully prepared and expressed and the issues clearly defined for decision by the General Conference. Adequate time should be given for the minority to prepare its report and every effort made to have the majority and minority reports printed together in the *Daily Christian Advocate.* (See Rules 17, 23, 33, and 36.)" (see page 172)
28. In Plan of Organization VIII, increase the mileage allowance for delegates coming by car to 12¢ per mile. (see page 174).

Ernest K. Emurian (Virginia) objected to the proposed new section VI, D, (6) on the grounds that the phrase "significant portion" was too vague. He asked whether Mr. Slutz would accept a specific percentage for the portion of a committee required for submission of a minority report. Mr. Slutz

responded that Rule 33 of the Conference set 10% or 10 members of a committee as the number required in support of a minority report. He opposed the suggestion to include a specific percentage in the new VI, D, (6).

John R. VanSickle (Northern Illinois) asked a question about the relationship of the language in Plan of Organization VIII to that included in the instructions printed on the delegates' expense vouchers. He referred specifically to a 1000-mile limitation on reimbursable automobile expense which appeared in the expense voucher instructions, but not in the Plan of Organization. Mr. Slutz responded briefly for the committee. At the request of the Chair, *Ewing T. Wayland* (Associate General Secretary, Council on Finance and Administration) explained that the 1000-mile limitation was a practice of long standing in the reimbursement of travel expenses for the Council of Bishops and general boards and agencies in connection with their meetings and staff travel.

Clifford Droke (California-Nevada) moved to amend Plan of Organization VIII (3) by deleting the two sentences beginning with the words "When two or more delegates . . . ," and by substituting language from the travel expense voucher as follows:

> ***Mr. Droke:*** "When one or more delegates come in the same automobile the owner will be allowed 12 cents per mile plus the cost of room and meals enroute. Guest passengers who are the principal delegates to the General Conference shall submit only the cost of room and meals enroute. Maximum use of automobiles for travel may not exceed 1,000 miles round trip for reimbursement purposes. If automobile travel exceeds 1,000 miles round trip, reimbursement will be based on round trip air coach fare rather than mileage."

Charles E. Edgar (Central Pennsylvania) asked a question for clarification. The Chair responded. The motion to substitute was put to a vote and was adopted. *Richard E. Johnson* (Kansas East) stated that he had not heard the Chair call for the negative vote. The Chair called for the Conference to vote again and reaffirmed that the substitute was adopted.

Rodolfo C. Beltran (Middle Philippines) asked a question regarding the provision in Plan of Organization VIII that overseas delegates were to be allowed travel expenses on the basis of roundtrip tourist air fare.

> ***Mr. Beltran:*** My question, Mr. Chairman, is what is the difference between an excursion ticket and a tourist ticket? The Middle Philippines delegation were given excursion tickets, which is good only for 21 days.

Mr. Slutz asked for clarification on the question.

Mr. Beltran: Mr. Chairman, the tourist ticket is good for one year; the excursion ticket is good only for 21 days. If we go outside more than the 21 days, we are absorbing the additional.

Mr. Slutz responded. *Gregorio R. Bailen* (Northwest Philippines) made a statement critical of the practice of limiting the payment of overseas delegates' travel expenses to a twenty-one day excursion ticket and to per diem expenses for two days before and two days after the General Conference. Mr. Slutz moved that the provision in the Plan of Organization governing overseas delegates' expenses be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration for its consideration and recommendation to the General Conference. The motion to refer was adopted.

Mr. Slutz resumed presentation of the report of the Interim Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

29. Add new sections X and XI to the Plan of Organization as follows:

X. DISTRIBUTION TO DESKS OF MEMBERS

"After the first day, only the *Daily Christian Advocate* shall be placed on the desks of the members."

XI. REPORTS TO BE MAILED BEFORE GENERAL CONFERENCE

"We strongly urge all Councils, Boards and Standing or Special Commissions or Committees to mail their reports and recommendations to all delegates at least 60 days prior to the opening of the General Conference. Such reports shall be printed in the same size and style as the *Daily Christian Advocate* and be punched for binding."

C. P. Minnick, Jr. (Virginia) moved to amend the committee's recommendation.

Mr. Minnick: I'd like you to delete those first three words "We strongly urge" and amend the section to read "All councils, boards, and standing or special commissions or committees shall mail their reports and recommendations to all delegates at least 60 days prior to the opening of the General Conference. Such reports shall be printed in the same size and style as the *Daily Christian Advocate* and be punched for binding." I'd like to add this statement, "Any such reports not mailed 60 days in advance may be presented to the General Conference only upon a motion to receive them, which motion must be approved by three-fourths vote of the General Conference."

Bishop Ward: Seconded? Yes, you would speak to it, sir?

Mr. Minnick: Yes, I would like to. All of us are grateful for the advance copies of reports much better than in previous General Conferences, but it is still

extremely difficult if not impossible to study and digest this much material in less than 60 days. It just seems to me that our boards, committees and commissions need to meet earlier and complete their work earlier; otherwise, it seems to me that we are in danger of doing too much hasty legislation here, in fact we move toward legislation by boards and committees.

Mr. Minnick's amendment was put to a vote and adopted. (Editor's note: Both Plan of Organization X and XI were further amended later in the Conference and are printed in this *Journal* in their final form; see pages 174-175.)

Woodrow Seals (Texas) moved to add a new section XII to the Plan of Organization to provide that a place would be made available for the distribution of materials which section X prohibits from being placed on members' desks. He spoke in support of his motion. *Paul E. Myers* (Central Pennsylvania) stated that the Commission on the General Conference had already made provision for such a place. Based on this information, Mr. Seals withdrew his motion.

Richard W. Harrington (Western New York) asked Mr. Slutz a question. Herbert L. Gwyer (Western Pennsylvania) moved to adjourn, with the committee report to be resumed at the Wednesday, April 28, plenary session. The motion to adjourn was adopted.

Melvin Brawn (California-Nevada) asked a question. Bishop Ward made an announcement. Gloster Current (New York) moved that the evening session be set for 7:30 p.m. The motion was adopted. The session was adjourned.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1976
EVENING SESSION

Opening—Hymn Sing

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the evening session of Tuesday, April 27, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop W. Ralph Ward, New York Area, presiding.

The Conference engaged in a Hymn Sing under the direction of *Carlton R. Young*, with leadership and participation by the following individuals and groups: Robert C. Harvey, Director of Youth and Outdoor Ministries, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference; Julie Stickney, Director of the Children of the Universe Choir, First United Methodist Church, Vancouver, Washington; Chet Earls, Associate Minister, First United Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon; Marjorie Tuell, a certified Director of Music, Portland, Oregon; The Chamber Singers, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee; Jonas Nordwall, Organist, First United Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon; Brass Ensemble, Portland Symphony.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon led the Conference in prayer. Bishop Ward expressed appreciation to Mrs. Marjorie Tuell, Dr. Carlton Young, and all of those associated with the service of music and worship just concluded.

Episcopal Address—Bishop James S. Thomas

The Episcopal Address was given by Bishop James S. Thomas (Iowa Area) (see page 187).

June Goldman (Iowa): Bishop Ward, members of the General Conference, I would move that we receive the Episcopal Address delivered by Bishop James Thomas, and I would request that the Chair grant permission for me to express a word of appreciation from the Iowa delegation and the entire Iowa Conference to our beloved Bishop. Thank you. Iowa means "beautiful land," and in our lexicon "Thomas" means "beautiful person." Iowa United Methodists are deeply appreciative, Bishop Thomas, of your incisive, but always sensitive, administrative leadership during these 12 years which have passed all too swiftly. We are particularly grateful for your compassionate caring for each one of your flock. We shall always rejoice that you passed our way, and we thank you for having touched our lives with a special grace.

Bishop Ward: Thank you, Mrs. Goldman, and the applause and standing of this entire house expresses unanimously our appreciation not only for this formal resolution and the spirit in which it has been given but all of us for the address which the Bishop has delivered.

Procedure for Evening Session

The Chair noted that, in order for the Conference to be able to proceed with organization of the legislative committees and other matters necessary to its proper functioning, it was quite important that action on the rules be completed at this session. He asked if it would be the will of the body to extend the time after consideration of the Bicentennial Resolution to permit action on the rules. By action of the Conference it was so ordered.

Bicentennial Resolution

Albert C. Outler (North Texas): Mr. Chairman, members of the Conference, the Committee of the Commission on Archives and History has been working through the quadrennium to bring a report to this Conference on Bicentennial-USA. This committee joins with all of you, and with the Iowa delegation in particular, in expressing our appreciation for the masterful Episcopal Address of Bishop Thomas. His reference to human history as that time which God has given us as a priceless gift reminds us of all the various histories and heritages which we have come to cherish in a world church such as ours. With Bishop Thomas we also recall that The United Methodist Church, with its antecedents, grew up in the USA and still has a special responsibility for the wholeness of our ministry to all Americans and to all the world as well.

What better time than this Bicentennial year to recommit ourselves to the reforming of this continent and the world, spreading scriptural holiness over this land and over all lands. We responded with special interest to the Bishops' suggestion that we now begin to look ahead toward the American Methodist Bicentennial and to make of it a time for realizing in 1984 what the Revolutionary church leaders hoped for in 1784. In line therefore with what we have heard and affirmed we offer the following comment together with a concurrent resolution prepared by the committee in consultation with the GCOM and with the Commission on Religion and Race.

Dr. Outler proceeded with the reading of the resolution as recommended by the committee.

Dr. Outler: "The Methodist Episcopal Church—the oldest of the constituent bodies of what is now The United Methodist Church—was the first church organized in the new "United States of America." Bishops Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke were the first church officials to present a formal address to the new nation's newly inaugurated President, George Washington. The texts of their address and of President Washington's cordial response are recorded in Nathan Bangs' *History of the Methodist Episcopal Church* (1839), I, 284-86.

"Since their beginnings, therefore, Methodist history and United States history have been linked and intertwined. Methodism's role during these two centuries has been significant, even though its contributions to the course of this nation's development have all too often fallen short of our professed ideals. We would, however, be ungrateful if we forgot the heroism, zeal and vision of our Methodist pioneers and circuit riders ("friars on horseback," in Charles Ferguson's apt phrase) or if we underestimated the splendid service of faithful Methodist, and other, witnesses to Christ, in a succession that runs from Barbara Heck, Jacob Albright, William Otterbein down to Bishop Thomas himself. This is a goodly heritage and for it we offer thanks and praise to God.

"We are, of course, very much aware of The United Methodist Church's present status as a world church, dedicated to authentic inclusiveness as an ideal, committed to a multinational, multiracial outreach. We are grateful for this diversity-in-unity, unity-in-diversity. Even so, it ought not to be inappropriate for even such a church to share in the celebrations of Bicentennial-USA and to affirm, in appropriate ways, the vision and values of a particular national heritage at its best: (1) its guiding passion for "the sacred cause of liberty"; (2) its constitutionally grounded commitments to human rights; (3) its unparalleled efforts in the mingling of diverse races and cultures even while also affirming ethnic particularities; (4) its survival as the oldest representative national government in history. Despite sad lapses and tragic failures, this is a national heritage worthy of grateful celebration.

"United Methodists are urged, therefore, to seek and find their own best ways to share in the observances of Bicentennial-USA, to make of it a fitting occasion for serious reflection upon the lessons of modern history and the relevance of these lessons for our present dilemmas. This Bicentennial year is a fullness of time in which we may all join in still more earnest struggles for liberty, justice, and community in more sensitive efforts to comprehend and help redeem the tragedies of alienation and frustration permeating modern societies everywhere. This, in its turn, becomes a challenge to us all—to rekindle the spirit of true thanksgiving to God, to ponder anew his mysterious providences in history, to sound yet once again the prophetic call to obedience to God's rule of righteousness in human hearts and human affairs. It is, moreover, an opportunity to re-examine the ethical issues involved in the complex problem of political revolutions (violent and non-violent) as means of social change—as an aspect of the still larger question of the role and mission of the church in a secular world.

"But our observances will be no more than ceremonial unless they prompt us to fresh and positive commitments. Bicentennial-USA is, therefore, an occasion for personal and national rededication to God's high purpose that humanity should attain his goal for it: viz., of compassionate community, in this nation, in other nations, in the family of nations. Two centuries have dimmed the original vision of "liberty under law"; this vision must be renewed or else it will fade still further. It is all too clear that God's business in the world is woefully unfinished; we must enlarge our obedience to the imperatives of his Kingdom or else our hypocrisies will become even more starkly evident. The two centuries that are symbolized by this Bicentennial have brought humanity to new frontiers of national and global community. We must be more venturesome, courageous and wise in their exploration than ever before, or else be left in history's lurch.

"God has had a way of calling and sending his pilgrim people into mission—from Abram in Chaldea down to our own times. Even the greatest of them, however, have understood that "such transcendent power (in human history) does not come from us, but is God's alone" (II Cor. 4:7). It is, therefore, our unshaken faith that Jesus Christ is Lord of history—of what has been and what may yet be. And thus we see this Bicentennial-USA as yet another instance of God's calling and sending—calling us back to grateful remembrance of an important chapter in the human past, sending us forward into an uncertain future with fresh hope and courage.

Resolution

"Wherefore, be it resolved that the Bicentennial-USA be commended by this Conference to United Methodists as an event worthy of appropriate observance, and

"Further,

1. That Annual Conferences and local churches in the USA be encouraged to include such Bicentennial observances in their program emphases for 1976;

2. That the goodwill and prayers of United Methodists in other nations be sought and petitioned, and their recognition of this event be invited, to be expressed in ways of their own choosing.

3. That in the USA, the "Thanksgiving season" of 1976 be designated as a time of National Rededication for United Methodists and that the Sunday before "Thanksgiving" be appointed for special emphasis—e.g., services of fasting, prayer, repentance, and commitment.

"And Further,

That United Methodists in the USA be urged to cooperate with other Christian churches, councils of churches, synagogues and civic organizations in whatever ways that may be deemed appropriate.

"And Finally,

That the Council of Bishops in consultation with the GCOM and the Commission on Archives and History, be directed to appoint and supervise a representative Committee on the Bicentennial of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1984). This Committee will be expected to consult and cooperate with all appropriate agencies in other Methodist and associated denominations in the USA and to submit its progress report and a preliminary proposal to the General Conference of 1980."

Dr. Outler moved that the resolution be accepted by the General Conference. In response to an inquiry from the Chair, he indicated that, since it had been printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* as required by the Rules, the resolution could either be acted upon at this session or referred, at the Conference's discretion.

Diane Moats (Southern California-Arizona): Jesus, when He was here, gave us a rather astonishing and difficult task to carry out for we, as Christians and representatives of the church community, that whatever we did and how we respond and how we interact with our sisters and brothers should be as if we were interacting and responding to our Lord. Yet we find an amazing lack of sensitivity for native people in The United Methodist Church exhibited through this Bicentennial report. Never is it mentioned or alluded to that you are thankful for native people or for our land which has proven so fruitful to you. It is not stated that you may even celebrate Thanksgiving because native peoples had such a concern for all living beings that they made survival possible for Europeans in this country.

Ben Franklin points out that the native form of government was something that the United States government should be patterned after and use this when they did a pattern for the United States government. You stated what your Bicentennial means to you in this paragraph about liberty, about commitment to human rights, unparalleled efforts of mingling diverse races and cultures and survival of the oldest representative national government. To us Bicentennial celebration means celebration of massacre of our people, massive death or sickness with a life span now of age 45, and hunger. But more importantly, we can't view this report with satisfaction for human rights, because here we are, after one hundred and thirty two years of native work in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, the two Indian delegates still cannot vote in this General Conference. How can I go back to my people and to my native American church and tell them that we are to support, to affirm, and to bring out in our churches the Bicentennial?

We ask when our native people have been so loyal and dedicated to The United Methodist Church that even where the comity agreements exist that they have

still retained their membership in United Methodist Church where native churches did not exist. They remain this loyal and yet we will go back and what will you respond when they ask "Why have you forsaken us?"

Following this statement, *Dr. Outler* moved that the resolution be referred to the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions.

Thomas Roughface, Sr. (Oklahoma Indian Missionary): Mr. Chairman, this afternoon in a great communion service we prayed a prayer. Part of this prayer was that in our deliberations we shall overcome all forms of human exploitation which deprive persons of their selfhood and deny them their dignity as the children of God. It is sad that not one statement is made in this resolution concerning the native American.

I could hardly celebrate, Mr. Chairman, the tragic loss of untold thousands of my people, the loss of our culture, our pride, and dignity as a sovereign people. While the Bicentennial USA celebrates its heritage I would call attention to my Church to a history that has never told our story. I personally choose to reject the resolution, if you please, and its intent.

I say "I choose" sir, because I have no vote in this General Conference. I've been a Methodist all of my life, twenty-two years in its ministry. I love my church but I am embarrassed for my people. Thank you.

The motion to refer was put to a vote and adopted.

Interim Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order (Report Resumed)

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) resumed presentation of the report, beginning with the Committee's recommended amendments to the Rules of Order.

In Rule 1 (1), the Committee recommended substituting 9:00 for 9:10; in Rule 1(2), make the same substitution, and also substitute the words "or committee meetings" for "with recess for ten minutes at 10:30." In Rule 1(3), insert the words "Conference business or"; and in Rule 1(4), insert the words "Conference business," before "or committee meetings." Add a new Rule 1(5) to read, "Recess may be called during any plenary session at a time deemed appropriate by the presiding bishop." (see page 176)

In Rule 2, delete (1) and (2), which mandated daily reports by the Committee on Journal and Committee on Courtesies and Privileges to the plenary sessions of the Conference, and renumber remaining sections accordingly. In the new Rule 2(1), delete the word "other" before "standing"; amend the new Rule 2(2) to read, "Agenda and Calendar items" (see page 176).

In Rule 3, the last sentence, change the comma after "announce" to a period, and begin a new sentence with the words, "If he so stipulates, it shall reconvene" (see page 177).

In Rule 5, delete the last sentence of the existing rule, and

substitute three new sentences as follows: "A reserve delegate may be seated when the substitution has been reported in writing to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided for this purpose. If the Credentials Committee finds the substitution in order, it shall so report in the *Daily Christian Advocate* as soon as practical. If the Committee disapproves the substitution, after consultation with the chairman of the delegation, it may report to the General Conference with its recommendation." (see page 177)

In Rule 6, delete everything after the words "at his designated seat," and substitute the following: "holding up the placard provided for that purpose. Unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, the delegate shall not speak until given the floor. When two or more delegates rise simultaneously, the presiding bishop is requested to consider the various sections of the auditorium in rotation. The delegate recognized shall proceed to the nearest microphone where he shall first announce his name and the name of the Annual Conference which he represents; which, in turn, the bishop shall then announce to the Conference." (see page 177)

Tom Reavley (Southwest Texas) moved a substitute for the Committee recommendation. The substitute would allow delegates to proceed to a microphone while seeking recognition instead of requiring them to remain at their seats until recognized. He spoke in support of the substitute. Gloster Current (New York) opposed the substitute. Mr. Slutz made a final statement in behalf of the Committee's recommendation. The substitute was defeated.

Mr. Slutz continued with the Committee's proposed amendments to the Rules of Order. In the last sentence of Rule 8, substitute "six" for "ten" and "amended" for "reduced" (see page 178).

The Committee proposed that Rule 13, which provides for voting by orders, be deleted. Mr. Slutz explained that since this would also require a change in the *Discipline*, the Committee was proposing that this recommendation be referred to the Legislative Committee on Conferences. It was noted that Rule 26(2), which also deals with voting by orders, would also be deleted, and the recommendation was that it also be referred to the Committee on Conferences.

The Committee recommended amending Rule 34 by adding to the end of it the following: "or to a Board, Council, Commission, or committee, either for action or for report to the next General Conference." (see page 184)

Having concluded his presentation, Mr. Slutz moved adoption of the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as amended by

this report and as this report had been amended by action of the Conference. *Richard D. Tholin* (Northern Illinois) asked a question regarding references to legislative committees. Mr. Slutz responded that such matters would have to be determined by the Committee on Reference. *Mr. Tholin* moved to suspend the rules in order for the Conference to adopt a motion determining the legislative committees to which certain matters before the Conference would be referred. The Chair ruled the motion out of order until the rules had been adopted.

C. P. Minnick (Virginia) asked a question regarding Rule 40; Mr. Slutz responded. *Mr. Minnick* asked a question about the proposed deletion of Rule 13; Mr. Slutz responded. *Mr. Minnick* again asked for clarification regarding the effect of Rule 40 on proposed rules changes which might be considered by the next General Conference; Mr. Slutz responded.

Paul E. Myers (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend Plan of Organization V, the last sentence of the first paragraph, by substituting the word "four" for "two." Mr. Slutz opposed the amendment. It was defeated.

The motion to adopt the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order as amended by the Committee's report and from the floor was put to a vote and was adopted.

Motion to Suspend Rules

Richard D. Tholin (Northern Illinois): I would move to suspend the rules so that for the 1976 session of the General Conference all legislative matters that are involved in the relationship between the General Council on Finance and Administration and the General Council on Ministries be referred to both Committee 7, Financial Administration, and Committee 8, Council on Ministries. If there is a second I would like to speak very briefly to it.

The Chair put the motion to suspend the rules to a vote, and it did not receive the required two-thirds majority.

Announcements

Jameson Jones (Rocky Mountain), chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced the presiding officers for Wednesday's sessions. Bishop Ward expressed appreciation to Leonard Slutz and his committee for their work. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) made announcements.

Bishop Ward announced that the Council of Bishops had excused Bishop James Armstrong from attendance because of the critical illness of his mother. He expressed appreciation to Bishop Roy Short for assisting him in the task of presiding.

Adjournment

Bishop Emilio de Carvalho (Angola) pronounced the benediction, and the evening session was adjourned.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1976
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the second day, Wednesday, April 28, 1976, at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Dallas-Ft. Worth Area, presiding.

Memorial Service

Following the Organ Prelude, anthems were presented by the Guitar Choir of Mill Valley United Methodist Church, Mill Valley, California, under the direction of Shirley Jautz. There was a reading from the Psalter, Psalm 27, followed by the singing of the hymn, "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name." There was a period of prayer in remembrance of bishops (see page 213), bishops' wives and widows, delegates (see page 213), and retired Judicial Council members who had been reported as having died since the 1972 General Conference:

Bishops' widows and wives:
- Anna M. Dennis, April 23, 1972
- Edna Caye Archer, June 30, 1972
- Ruth Herrick, October 7, 1973
- Elizabeth Brown Jones, November 18, 1973
- Helen H. Cannon, April 21, 1974
- Edna D. Lee, October 15, 1974
- Susie Brashares, October 15, 1974
- Virginia Love, December 10, 1974
- Mrs. Alexander Preston Shaw, January 1, 1975
- Eva Clair, February 21, 1975
- Ruth Fisher Oxnam, April 23, 1975
- Magdalene Mueller, July 24, 1975
- Doris K. Grant, December 5, 1975
- Frances Kelly, January 6, 1976
- Mary Jane Blake, April 17, 1976

Judicial Council (retired):
- Lester A. Welliver, November 13, 1973

Following additional selections by the Guitar Choir, Bishop Eugene M. Frank (Arkansas Area) delivered the meditation (see page 764).

Committee on Agenda

Douglas F. Verdin (New York), chairman of the Committee, presented the report. He moved to suspend the rules and explained that the Committee had allotted more time than the newly adopted rules allow for the hearing of two of the reports on the morning agenda; therefore, in order for the agenda as recommended to be adopted, the rules would have to be suspended. By action of the Conference, the rules were suspended, and the agenda was adopted.

Report on Quadrennial Theme

The Chair recognized John T. King (Southwest Texas), president of the General Council on Ministries, for the presentation of the report.

Dr. King: Last night we heard Bishop James S. Thomas remind United Methodists that the centrality of Christ is the unspoken theme of all Christians. The General Council on Ministries, with the strong and enthusiastic support and encouragement of the Council of Bishops, is recommending a theme for the 1977-1980 Quadrennium—"Committed to Christ—Called to Change." Dr. Paul A. Duffey, chairperson of the General Council on Ministries section on planning and research and a pastor from Montgomery, Alabama, will give a background statement. Theme implementation possibilities will be suggested by my colleagues as follows: The General Church, Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, President-elect of the Council of Bishops, and President of the General Board of Discipleship; The General Agency level, Mrs. Barbara A. Thompson, President of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and a member of the General Council on Ministries. The Annual Conference level, Dr. R. Jervis Cooke, Director, Conference Council on Ministries, Peninsula Conference, and Vice-President of the General Council on Ministries; The District level, Dr. George Y. Nishikawa, District Superintendent, The Los Angeles District, Southern California-Arizona Conference, and a member of the General Council on Ministries; The Local Church level, two persons: Dr. Hermann Sticher, Pastor, Ludwigsburg, West Germany, and a member of the General Council on Ministries, and Dr. Paul A. Duffey.

Paul A. Duffey (Alabama-West Florida): The United Methodist Church is impressive as to its size, wealth, geographical distribution, and diversity of membership. Because of these very things, it is also characterized by complexity of sociological and theological views. She often needs a central call to action in her powerful ministry.

To mobilize such a significant body of Christians we must first motivate her people. One of the functions of the council this quadrennium has been to ascertain the need for such a central theme and to call in terms of any proposed special quadrennial program. During the current quadrennium the General Council on Ministries—through the Section on Planning and Research, the interagency task force on planning, the Advisory Committee on Research, and the staff and others to whom we are indebted—gathered data from The United Methodist Church constituency by means of surveys, public hearings, discussions concerning the needs of the individuals in the church, the needs of the church, and the needs of the world.

In addition other agencies in our denomination were developing proposals for ministry in response to determined needs. The Council of Bishops and the Board

of Discipleship pled for an emphasis upon evangelism. The Board of Global Ministries and many others in our church have championed the cause of world hunger. The Commission on Religion and Race and the ethnic and racial minority caucus groups helped develop a response to the urgent need for the racial and ethnic minority local church enablement, and Higher Education and Ministry has urged inclusion of knowledge and training.

While The United Methodist people have expressed opposition to quadrennial emphases with a packaged program approach, we have determined a strong support for a plan to challenge our people to purposeful involvement in sharing the meaning, message and benefits of the gospel. Thus, the General Council on Ministries has refined the theme which we commend to the General Conference for its approval. The proposed theme is "Committed to Christ—Called to Change."

You have read it in the advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Section D, pages 50-53. The theme has an accompanying logo, a sunburst with rays suggesting hungers for the needs of all humankind, and a scripture text from Romans 12:2. As a denomination we have often used a theme or slogan approach to call our people to coordinated planning and action. The fact that the General Conference meets quadrennially forces us to study our church and our world, and to project our program for the ensuing years.

Such a theme should be current, prophetic and flexible. A denomination such as ours has certain risks in her life: apathy from little concern or an overload of programs; apprehension about too much centralization of programming and power; and antipathy born of frustration or resentment. What we propose is an effort to call our people from each of these to anticipation, through careful planning and meaningful participation in changes in keeping with the coming of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, we must sharpen our definitions of human needs and call for personal and group commitment to the performance of Christian ministry.

This theme is flexible and open. It appeals to the diversity of our membership and of our opportunities. We challenge every individual and all our congregations to plan on a firm ecclesiological, biblical and theological base. The theme does not stand alone, it will have other parts upon which you might express your opinion later as the conference develops.

The entire idea is to issue a call to each local church and to our denomination at every level to seek to break out of old patterns into new ways and dimensions of ministry—in evangelism, missions, social concerns and education. The ideas are available to any individual, clergy or laity, and to any local congregation. We do not seek uniformity of response, but inclusiveness of response. We trust that each local church will do some careful planning and develop its own specific action programs. We have been excited about the tentative testing and response which you have given across the church. The material offers an opportunity for coordination. It is neither orchestrated nor controlled. It offers a possibility for a unifying, healing idea for our connectionalism.

We desire to rally United Methodists to the celebration of common purpose, offer resources for service programs, relate every part of our denomination to other parts in cooperative endeavors, and to call all of us to rely more surely on God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Calling for voluntary participation, it nonetheless puts the resource and structure of our entire denomination at the disposal of each local congregation.

As to the cost of it we have included a resolution authorizing the possible negotiation for expense in the beginning of such a program. It is specified that $25,000 per year might be asked, but this is to be negotiated according to need from the General Council on Finance and Administration in cooperation with the General Council on Ministries. The cost is expected to be very minimal, but we

have learned out of experience if we do not make some resolution of financial enablement we get difficulty down the line. This, therefore, is before you, and we commend it for your attention. Thank you.

Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson addressed the Conference, placing the proposed new theme in the context of other themes used by the church in the past: the Crusade for Christ, the Advance for Christ and His Church, One Witness in One World, Jesus Christ Is Lord, A New Church for a New World. He stressed that the church's use of themes was "not as gimmicks with neither integrity nor depth, but . . . as rallying cries to our troops to marshall strength and to move on." He called on the church to respond with enthusiasm and integrity to this new theme, especially in the area of evangelism, as representing the very heart of the gospel.

Barbara R. Thompson (Baltimore): As extensions of the local church, the general boards and agencies are at work to bring about Christian change at home and overseas. As you well know, the policy-making members of the various boards and agencies are persons from local churches, persons who have been identified as being able to be sensitive to the needs and concerns of the local church as the general boards and agencies deliberate.

The various hungers of mankind have not suddenly emerged in the world or in our consciousness. Rather, the theme, "Committed to Christ—Called to Change," helps to focus the way in which resources are channelled to bring about the kingdom. Hearing again that the church calls for meeting the needs of humankind, the process of striving for justice is strengthened. Of necessity, board members are continually challenged to be a part of the examination of how commitment to Christ manifests itself in the call to change. Commitment to Christ and call to change never takes place in a vacuum or in general, but it must be specific; and in its specificity it sometimes may be painful. Concern for world peace; respect and love for children of God, all children of God, regardless of their lifestyle; justice for the oppressed—these are all needs of humankind. These are all needs that the theme will focus the resources of the general boards and agencies upon. Knowledge of being responsible Christians in a world of finite resources; the responsibility for providing education for those who are growing to be the stewards and to be the responsible persons of our world—these then are the points at which the theme will make it possible for the various general boards and agencies to focus.

The general Church continues to move forward in pursuing the rights of those who are underfed to be fed, the efforts to assure that the minority concern is inclusive in the life of our Church, to ascertain that women are continuing to be a part of the participation of the life of The United Methodist Church. These responsibilities, then, as the various general boards and agencies begin to take hold of the theme and begin to utilize the theme during the coming quadrennium; it does not call for additional expenditures of resources, but rather what it says is to look at what we have on hand, to prioritize and to be certain that every expenditure, every resource is channeled to bring about on the part of United Methodists a greater Commitment to Christ and a Call to Change.

These resources, the resources of humans and the resources of finances, properly utilized, can in fact change the world, and the general church as an extension of the local church can make that possible.

R. Jervis Cooke (Peninsula): Let us look for a moment now at the possibilities for implementing this theme in the Annual Conference. Recent General Conferences have reorganized the local church and restructured the general agencies. In the process the Annual Conferences have exercised certain latitudes in restructure themselves.

A study of the 73 conferences reveals a wide variety of structures, some very simple, others exceedingly complex. We can assume that within constitutional limits and given regional differences and differing concepts of programming, you have organized your conference to best achieve your goals and your objectives. The theme before us lends itself well to this variety. It does not require that we all be alike or that we all do the same things, or that we synchronize our responses with any master schedule. It does suggest that we all in every possible way emphasize commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. It further suggests that a deepening of commitment will require and produce change—change in ourselves, change in our life-styles, change in our systems, and change in the church. It says clearly that Christians should be agents of change. Each Annual Conference will want to study this theme to discover how it relates to its own needs. Some will wish to add to the seven suggested points of the theme. Others may feel that for them it will be enough to emphasize less than the seven points. One conference may choose to deal simultaneously with all the points for the entire quadrennium; another may select a different point for emphasis in each year of the quadrennium, giving one a high priority in financial and program resourcing for one year and shifting to another for the next. As a council director, I expect to recommend a combination of the above to our annual conference. I believe, as Bishop Thomas said in the Episcopal Address, that evangelism is a continuous expression of the growing life of a Church. Without question our Annual Conference will want to emphasize evangelism, world hunger, and the needs of the ethnic and minority churches for the whole quadrennium and beyond. We have specific program proposals to proceed with these emphases under the umbrella of this theme.

Beyond these three major thrusts I expect that we will give special attention in each of the four years to some of the other identified hungers of humankind. This theme gives us a rallying cry, a challenge to join the rest of The United Methodist Church in being and in doing. The General Conference, in adopting this theme, will allow us the freedom to choose our own way. It will permit us to adapt the ideas and resources related to this theme to our particular needs. "Committed to Christ—Called to Change."

George Y. Nishikawa (Southern California-Arizona): Mr. Chairperson and friends, the genius and strength of our United Methodist Church are found in the interrelatedness of our connectional structure. I speak briefly of the districts to which, with which and from which we move. As we look at a district it represents the combined possibilities of all of its churches, composed of persons possessing a wide variety of resources, backgrounds, experiences and commitments. The plurality of cultures and people can be translated into a rainbow of expressions.

It is to this creativity and possibility within each and every district within The United Methodist Church that I call your specific attention to the theme "Committed to Christ—Called to Change."

The implementation of theme with countless provocative ways to express the theme can give a district evidences of its particular commitment. All districts have resources to utilize in deciding upon ways to express and to use this theme. We have the channel and vehicle of the District Council on Ministries. We have the task group method; the clustering of churches geographically oriented; generational clustering might be a possibility. Ethnic and national groups may want to cluster as they try to think on and express that theme "Committed to Christ—Called to Change"; clusters further by assignments to uphold and

program cooperatively in concert. Whatever decision is reached by a district to give recognition to the theme, it is anticipated that full expression shall come. May the expressions count and equal the potential that is in all of us. May the richness of those expressions deepen the faith of our corporate and individual lives. May The United Methodist Church be enriched because this theme "Committed to Christ—Called to Change" has reached out to enrich the lives of others. Thank you.

Hermann Sticher (South Germany): I serve a local church at Ludwigsburg in the South Germany Conference. I reflected upon what the theme "Committed to Christ—Called to Change" might mean to my congregation in our situation and in our environment. I am grateful that the theme does not impose new structures, but intends to help using existing structures for God's purposes. The theme "Committed to Christ—Called to Change" makes spiritual renewal the top priority.

We in Ludwigsburg need such renewal and shall seek it in new earnestness of prayer. Spiritual renewal in the Church comes about by one or two or three persons taking Jesus Christ seriously in fully committing their lives to Him. Renewal is not a matter of quantity but of quality. We in Ludwigsburg need and shall endeavor to find new and better ways of Christian nurture and spiritual growth, including improved training programs.

The fact that four persons volunteered in the past six months to become lay preachers is additional challenge. I expect all this to bring about changes urgently needed. One, a new sense of direction. A recent editorial in our Ludwigsburg newspaper said this spiritual crisis of Western society is in the last analysis due to problems of faith, and faith has widely been lost. Many people no longer know where they are going, let alone where they ought to go. Two, a new Christ-centered and Christ-based sense of mission, undergirded by the realization that the issue is not whether people want Christ but that they need Christ. Third, new concern for people in need, relating to specific forms of needs both of individual persons and of societal structures at home and abroad.

I expect and pray that it happens again and again, what occurred prior to my time in a small Black Forest town I once served. For years, on the first Tuesday of the month considerable numbers of townspeople had to appear before a court for a wide range of offenses. Last but not least for assault and battery. All of a sudden the number melted down to a mere trickle. When the court people made inquiries into the reasons for this changing situation they received, what I think is a classical answer: there is a man who converts them all. Persons were changed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and this worked for visible and tangible change in a society.

I expect and pray that the theme "Committed to Christ—Called to Change" will help that this church under God shall have a rebirth of Christ-inspired vitality, so that dedicated service of United Methodist people, by United Methodist people, for all people shall not perish from the earth in Ludwigsburg, where I serve, and wherever United Methodists are faithfully building the kingdom in our midst. I am certain that the theme "Committed to Christ—Called to Change" can be of help in my congregation and with proper adjustments to local churches all over the world.

Paul A. Duffey: And that kind of vision can indeed be applied to every local church in our denomination and connection. We believe that this possibility is an offering of excitement and incitement to all of our people and we commend it to every local church. If commitment to Christ be central, change will be certain. If the local church will be involved anywhere in giving direction to that change, it can be creative and helpful.

An optimist has been defined as one who believes that the future is uncertain—that is, that it is wide open to possibilities of the Holy Spirit leading us

to serve God and serve His people. Efficiency has been defined as the effective use of fire. We believe that God is ready to pour out His Holy Blessings upon our denomination if in fact we will respond. And if religion is to be more than selfish ecstasy it needs to be challenged in definite directions of service, taking care of the hungers of humankind.

John T. King (Southwest Texas) moved that Resolution H in the report of the General Council on Ministries, the resolution dealing with the theme "Committed to Christ—Called to Change," be referred to the appropriate legislative committees. The motion was adopted (see pages 390-391, 2086-2087).

Report of the Bishop and District Superintendent Study Commission (see page 1909)

The Chair recognized *Merlyn W. Northfelt* (Northern Illinois), chairman of the study commission, for the presentation of the report. *Dr. Northfelt* noted corrections which needed to be made in the printed report of the Commission and called attention to the "Plan of Implementation," which was printed separately from the rest of the report.

Dr. Northfelt outlined the process by which the Commission had been created and by which its membership and consultants had been chosen. He noted that the membership was predominantly lay and included eight ethnic minority persons and ten women.

Dr. Northfelt: The commission dedicated itself to the serious study of the issues before any final decisions were to be made. We steadfastly resisted in the early years of the study any premature conclusions, until, if possible, we could achieve consensus on all of the major issues. I wish now to pay tribute to a highly qualified and dedicated group of people who constantly tried to put the best interests of a church in mission to the world above all other considerations. It is our belief that we have done our work well, and that the report now must stand on its own.

Please examine our report in its entirety. A too-casual reading might lead one to believe that the report calls for the status quo. There are many new proposals within it, which, if allowed to become operative, may lead us into new faithfulness and obedience to the Lord of the Church. This is not an attempt to trim the power of bishops and D.S.'s. It is an attempt to provide for a creative, courageous, continuing, collegial leadership for the church, and to provide means also for mutual accountability between the bishops and the district superintendents on the one hand and pastors and local churches on the other hand. Now, we wish for you to hear all too briefly from four members of the Commission: Dr. Ridgway F. Shinn from the Southern New England Conference; Dr. William James from the New York Conference; Mrs. Aloha Wyckoff from the Pacific Northwest Conference; and Dr. Harold Fink from the Virginia Conference.

Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr. (Commission member): Members of the Commission were directly involved in the study process, the definition, the design, the development of instruments, writing papers, participating in the interviews and reading. I believe the fact that right from the outset members invested their time and energies so directly provides one of the distinctive characteristics of the work

of this Commission. At the initial organizational meeting members looked at the mandate and task and as the minutes state "unanimously agreed that the scope and purpose should not be limited to the functional and mechanical aspects of the office of episcopacy and district superintendency, but to include broad and fundamental issues of episcopacy and district superintendency, historically, theologically, biblically, philosophically and ideally." That was clearly a large order, but members of the commission were serious to see that a study of that scope be undertaken.

Now let me summarize the stages, and there are four of them, in the study process. The first stage was data-gathering, which involves three kinds of data: survey data from across the whole United Methodist Church; interview data derived from indepth interviews with bishops, with some district superintendents and with some cabinets; consultation data, gathered from a joint session of the Commission and the Council of Bishops, as well as from a session of some members of the commission and the general secretaries of the general boards and agencies.

The second stage was evaluation and testing. Here members of the commission undertook an extensive study of episocpacy and superintendency in our own and other branches of Methodism, in scripture and its interpretation, in regional and ecumenical conversations of the World Council of Churches, in historic Anglicanism and Roman Catholicism, in the Eastern churches, and in the early church. The third stage was issue clarification. All members of the commission participated in identifying the issues, worked at clarifying the issues, and developed alternative ways of dealing with them.

The final stage involved decision making. After reflecting on the research data, the studies, the theological understanding and issues, members of the Commission then made the decisions that are reflected in the report and recommendation. Now, throughout this study process ran two fundamental perspectives. The first is that the Commission looked continually at the totality of superintendency, that is at the total picture of leadership as it exists and as it might exist. It is clear that one of the vital issues of our times is the need for models of effective leadership in complex organizations. It is far easier to design a system which constrains leaders rather than a system which frees and empowers leaders and yet holds them accountable. Commission recommendations do not arise from any one element of data; rather they arise from a composite view drawn from all data and all studies in relationship to all issues of superintending in The United Methodist Church.

For the second perspective the commission understood its tasks to be rooted in the central question of our time. In the latter part of the 20th century what is it that God is calling the faithful, especially United Methodists, to be, to do and to become? And what are the requirements for leadership in relation to that call? If we are to be a church inclusive in more than a symbolic sense, some process must exist, so that Bishops with particular insights, for instance, into racial and ethnic pluralism can be shared across the whole church, not just within a particular jurisdiction.

If we are to be a church confronting the world some process must exist to support, to sustain and to empower leaders so that they along with others will undertake the heavy personal risks involved in such leadership. If we are to be a church that learns how to translate such issues as race, poverty, hunger, violence, maldistribution of wealth into effective radical response, some process must exist to develop leaders who will define and articulate those issues and who in God's name will lead us. The study process has resulted in a report that I believe has been faithful to the mandate given to the commission and that has as well, when you look at the totality of the report, the potential of energizing such leadership. For the question is never whether or not we will have leaders but rather whether

or not with all our human fallibility we can design structures and strategies to bring the best possible persons, men and women, into positions of leadership.

William M. James (New York): The leadership and servanthood—our selection of the quotation of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of Mark was not accidental nor incidental. The quotation "among you whoever wants to be great must be your servant and whoever wants to be first must be your slave." This means that the commission thought that our ideas of leadership should spring from the basic ideas of leadership as taught and exemplified by our Lord. We sought to move from the cliche-ish use of these words that they may come alive through the Church.

Christ is the chief model of leadership in this report. Christ not only talked about servanthood but became a servant. He did this by taking upon Himself the burdens and the problems of others. His servanthood was demonstrated by His service to humankind as He sought to meet the needs of people. This was rarely demonstrated in the four walls of temple or synagogue but out there where the people were. Therefore, the commission in its search for leadership models did not turn to the secular image but saw its model in the person of Jesus.

There is a great crisis of leadership among us. We see it in our government. We see it in our churches and in every walk of life. In the research of the commission, it was found that there was a lack of confidence in our leaders, on one hand, and the cry for more effective and more creative leadership on the other. The message is loud and clear to the church as to what our urgent needs are.

The commission is saying we need strong, dynamic leadership but we do not need dictatorial leadership. Strong leadership is not the bishops and the district superintendents lording over ministers and churches but leading ministers and churches to be involved in the spirit of Jesus Christ. We do not mean setting the bishops and superintendents on a pedestal in order to venerate them but putting them in leadership positions that they may be a catalyst to prepare us to serve this present age. The weakness of the eight-year term episcopacy is found in the tendency to weaken corporate leadership. In our Methodist structure we have Conference Cabinets and Bishops' Councils in the church at large. These bodies should be giving dynamic leadership in our times when our cities are falling apart, mission of the church is being distorted, the effectiveness of leadership is being questioned and many are abandoning the organized church to seek spiritual fulfillment elsewhere.

This is a time in which the church must not undercut its corporate leadership but to seek to undergird and to compel it to move forward and accept the challenge of our time. Therefore, we need the kind of continuing overlapping leadership. The church is still a fragmented body. There are rents in the body of Christ, so therefore, we need the kind of leadership that can give the ecumenical movement a thrust. As we go into the 21st Century we must start thinking about the oneness of the Church and what we can do about it. And we cannot do it by having a kind of revolving door leadership. We must have leadership in parity with other groups that we are cooperating with in the ecumenical movement. In the elective and selective process we must seek persons who possess leadership and servanthood quality and that are well grounded in the Christian faith.

Politics must not be substituted for prayerful deliberation. Open campaigning in the church by office seekers can never be as effective as earnest prayerful guidance by the spirit of God through Jesus Christ as our Lord. We must not abandon the idea that in the Church the leadership is poor. We have people called, persons called, to the ministry. We have people called to the ordained ministry. We have persons called to the local churches, and I submit to you that we have persons called to the wider leadership of the Church and this should be a calling and we cannot block it or turn it on and turn it off as we can by vote, but we must be led by the Holy Spirit in doing this.

The commission has kept in mind the fact that all conditions and all situations are not the same. Therefore, the commission tried to avoid setting rules and regulations in concrete, but we have left a flexible way to deal with our leadership problems. In order to get the best results in different settings, the leader and people must have some leeway. This is true whether it is concerning interests and procedures or time in an area, or tenure. We believe that what we are doing here is to give our leadership power to lead to the world, while building a system of accountability so that leadership can be judged by its achievement through the mandate of Jesus Christ.

The Commission has kept in mind that the idea of Prophet, Priest, and King in Jesus has always been different from the kings of the world. Our Lord was the first to challenge the religious leaders, the business interests of his day, without fear of consequence. He was the first to wear the crown of thorns and to go out on that familiar limb that was cut off by giving His life for the things in which He believed, and in so doing becoming servant of all. The church in this day can expect no less of its leaders.

Aloha M. Wyckoff (Pacific Northwest): It is the desire of the study commission to help bring about a positive understanding of leadership within The United Methodist Church. It is my desire, if only briefly, to help you understand that the commission proposes to do this through the accountability and support of these leaders. The commission recognized that that crisis of leadership, which exists within society, extends into the life of the church also. Two specific effects result. One is that people wish to participate in decision making, with the right to opt out when they please; and second is a yearning for someone in whom to put trust, and in whom to believe.

Struggling with the understanding of the term "leadership," commission members realized that it needed to be of more content than used in secular society. Within the Church, we use the term as it relates to the leadership of Christ, the Lord of the Church, who is, indeed, a King, but a King with a crown of thorns, a King who is a Servant Ruler. The report purposely ties the term leadership to the term servanthood. To understand how we built our model of accountability and support, it is important to understand that those chosen to lead the faithful into the world in order to transform it must be effectively equipped and free to reflect the servanthood of Jesus, the Christ.

Not only did we study how we might help our leaders be structurally and creedally accountable, but how we might strengthen their moral accountability. A good church leader is one who is faithful both to church structures and the Christian tradition, but who also consults with others to take their views into account in decision making. It is important to understand that the church is a training ground in which persons are equipped to deal with structures of the world on behalf of God and His purposes. Leadership, then, arises out of that community and not from above it.

The office of superintendency arises from the company of the faithful as one way in which that company may be equipped for service to the world, and may be led into the world. Since those who participate in the ministry of Christ, whether as a lay person or an ordained person, are committed to God's future, they must be prepared to let God break in on the present, making all things new. Therefore, those who are elected or selected for the task of superintending are not merely persons who keep records, who run meetings, who spin wheels, essential yes, but not ends in themselves. They are simply vehicles to help leaders lead the whole community into the world.

A good Christian leader will not continually have feelers out to test the wind, while at the other extreme making autocratic decisions. All superintending, in order to be authentically related to Christ, must arise out of mutuality, interdependence, and a sense of servanthood. In order to enable the bishops and

district superintendents to lead in the common ministry, they must work mutually with other persons in the church to seek goals for their part of the work. Important tools in this process being planning, assessment—which includes self-appraisal and mutual evaluation and support.

It is not only to support and enable these leaders in the temporal and spiritual matters of the church, but the purpose is also one of advocacy. By setting in order networks of accountability, with whom the leaders and those being led can identify, there can be advocacy. These networks or structures of accountability are quite simply a systematic elaboration of the pastor-parish relations committee model, particularly in districts for superintendents and in conferences for bishops. Jurisdictional committees and the General Committee on Episcopacy can look at leadership needs and resources in the regions and the total Church.

Realizing that it is impossible to prescribe or to legislate completely the manner in which persons will function in particular roles, legislation was designed to enable a desired course of performance to occur. It is well known that members of the Church have designed a set of expectations for leaders that go beyond the ability of human beings to fulfill. The plan of accountability proposed by the commission will assist leaders and others in the community of the leaders to know what leaders ought to do at particular times and in particular seasons. It is hoped that holding superintendents accountable this way will help in the interpretation of leadership throughout the community of the faithful.

Harold H. Fink (Virginia): Historically, in both the Methodist and the Evangelical United Brethren tradition, the purpose of the stationing of ministers has been a strategic method of helping churches to fulfill their mission to their own constituency, to their own communities and to the world. This same strategy has been used in the appointment of district superintendents and bishops. The appointment process has changed very little over the years, except that there is more openness on the part of cabinets today, and bishops and district superintendents, with some exceptions, are generally more responsive to the felt and expressed needs of both ministers and churches. One step in the appointive process which is designed to produce more openness is consultation. Consultation is now called for in *The Book of Discipline.*

It is the feeling of the commission that consultation throughout our entire appointive system, including bishops, district superintendents, pastors and special appointees, is so vital to the carrying out of the mission of the Church at all levels that we have defined it in this language and are recommending its insertion into the new *Discipline.* "Consultation means conferring with the parties affected by the process of appointment making. Consultation is not unilateral decision making or notification. Consultation is both a continuing process and a more intensive involvement during the period of change in appointment."

Generally speaking, there is nothing which a bishop does that affects the lives of more people and does more to shape the course of a conference than the appointment of the ministers to the charges. This contention is supported by the response to the survey instrument which the commission sent to several thousand ministers and lay persons. It asks for the ranking of sixteen responsibilities of the bishop. The setting of appointments ranked first and second by all respondents. Now, while we acknowledge the importance of this function, we believe that the responsibility for appointments should be born mutually but not equally by the bishop, the district superintendent, the pastor and the pastor-parish relations committee. In this manner, all involved parties must exercise their servant roles under the Lordship of Christ by listening to one another, by listening to the world, and by prayerfully and conscientiously seeking out God's will for every given situation.

Ideally, we have given weight through the appointive process to matching ministers with missional needs of congregations. In practice, however, we have

often fallen short of our high ideals. We feel that one responsibility of the commission is once again to remind the Church to make mission the prime criterion in the making of the appointments. In addition, we commend the servant role as the operational style of the appointive process. In the hope, therefore, that through the process of consultation and negotiation, more effective and strategic appointments will be made, we commend this section of our report and indeed the report in its entirety to you for your prayerful consideration. Thank you.

Dr. Northfelt made a summary statement, following which he moved referral of Part C of the report, entitled "Leadership and the Discipline of the Church," to be considered as a substitute for Pars. 382-397 and 399 of the *Discipline*, and also referral of Part B of the report, entitled "Leadership, the Welfare of the Church, Recommendations for the Future."

Minority Report (see pages 1933-1935)

The Chair recognized Louise Branscomb (North Alabama) for presentation of a minority report to the report of the Commission.

Dr. Branscomb: With such a thorough report, such a thorough study, why should there be a minority opinion? Let me try to tell you.

In 1972 the General Conference received a number of petitions asking for term episcopacy. A commission was set up to study the episcopacy and district superintendency. The commission was told to give special consideration to the areas of selection, tenure, function, and assignment.

This commission was a hardworking group. Early in the study we sent out a questionnaire and received answers from some 4,000 church leaders. To the question, "Should bishops continue to be elected for life?" 57 percent of the laity and 53 percent of the clergy—this did not include bishops and district superintendents—said no. Interestingly enough, throughout the questionnaire, the answers of bishops and district superintendents were similar, with a like similarity between the votes of ministers and lay persons. When the words, "in the future," were added to the question of tenure, the laity vote rose favoring term episcopacy to 70 percent, and the clergy to 65 percent.

Later in the study a task force made up of members from each jurisdiction was set up to give special consideration to the matter of tenure and to bring to the commission, the full commission, a recommendation concerning this. This task force, after a two-day meeting, brought in a unanimous opinion favoring term episcopacy.

An important factor in arriving at this decision was a feeling of task force members that the matter of tenure was too important to be dealt with in any conclusive way by a commission of 31 persons, no matter how committed and conscientious its members. This conviction was expressed by task force members themselves saying, "The General Conference should have the right to vote this issue up or down."

And, so, because of the interest of the 1972 Conference, because the majority of pastors and lay persons voted for term episcopacy in our questionnaire, and because the special task force unanimously recommended term episcopacy, we seven signers of the minority opinion continued to believe that this was an option which should be placed before this Conference.

The provision itself is simple and is the same as that brought in by the task force to the commission. A bishop would serve one term, eight-year term, with no

possibility of re-election. On completing the term he or she would return to the former conference for further assignment or appointment.

The provision would not apply to bishops already elected and would not go into effect until 1980.

Dr. Branscomb proceeded to outline why the signers of the minority report believed term episcopacy would be good for the church, as outlined in their printed report. Following her presentation, Dr. Branscomb moved the referral of the minority report.

The Chair put both the motion to refer the Commission report and the motion to refer the minority report to a vote, and by separate votes of the Conference both reports were referred.

Commission to Study the Ministry (see pages 2145-2167)

Following a recess, the Chair recognized Bishop William R. Cannon, chairman of the Commission to Study the Ministry, for presentation of the report. Bishop Cannon reviewed the historical stance of The United Methodist Church and its antecedents toward formal education for clergy and noted that, since the establishment of the Ministerial Education Fund, United Methodist "seminaries are better supported by far than are those of any other church . . . and . . . are able to manage better financially than the well-known interdenominational schools within this country." He listed five specific mandates given the Commission by the 1972 General Conference:

Bishop Cannon: First, to supervise and evaluate progress of the seminaries in their review through regional task forces of their life and work in the light of certain principles for the future of theological education and to ask the seminaries to address themselves to basic questions about the nature of theological education and especially the number and location of the schools. Two, to delineate the meaning of ordination and the covenant relation. Three, to consider the enlistment, education and ordination of women. Four, to deal with special appointments including professional chaplains. And five, continuing education, its growth and development. This mandate the Commission has tried faithfully to carry out.

Bishop Cannon recognized several persons who had served in leadership roles in the Commission: *Paul Duffey*, chairman of the committee dealing with the seminaries; *Richard Harrington*, chairman of the committee dealing with ordination and the covenant relation and vice-chairman of the Commission; Mrs. Olin Troy, chairwoman of the committee dealing with the recruitment, education, and ordination of women and secretary of the Commission; Bishop Dwight E. Loder, chairman of the committee dealing with special appointments; *Wayne Cuff*, chairman of the committee dealing with continuing education; Bishops Don Holter, Jack Tuell, and Roy Short; and staff

consultants *Gerald McCulloh* and *Robert Thornburg* of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. As an especially noteworthy achievement of the Commission Bishop Cannon mentioned the statement which attempted "a theological definition both of the general ministry and of the ordained ministry, showing thereby their inherent relationship and interdependence, yet at the same time delineating their distinctiveness." Following his statement he introduced *Paul Duffey* and *Richard Harrington* for presentations of portions of the report.

Paul A. Duffey (Alabama-West Florida): Mr. Chairman and members of the conference, following the action of the 1972 General Conference, the Commission to Study the Ministry established a Subcommittee on Seminaries. Its responsibility was to evaluate the extent and quality of the work of the existing fourteen seminaries of the denomination and to make recommendations concerning any possible mergers to be effected. The factors which entered the decision made by the committee related to geographical location, density of population in general, density of United Methodist population, the financial resources of the institutions involved, the number and classifications of persons enrolled in the institutions, the number and denominational affiliation of faculty and administrative personnel.

Other factors emerged as we developed the discussion: the responsibility of the church for ethnic and racial minorities involved in training for ministry; financial factors relating to costs of merger and supposed long range economies to be achieved; the possible transfer of endowment and other resources of funding for seminary education; and the significance of the Methodist program for seminary support—the Ministerial Education Fund—were most important elements in our deliberations.

The action of the 1972 General Conference has been interpreted by many as a "mandate" to merge some of the seminaries. Upon more careful reflection the committee, later its judgment being confirmed by the commission, suggested that the 1972 report did not in fact require such mergers. What was required was the establishment of task forces made up of representatives of the seminaries and colleges or the universities to which they are related plus representation from the University Senate, the Division of Ordained Ministry, and the Commission to Study the Ministry.

These Task Forces were charged with the evaluation of the quality of education offered and the effectiveness of recruitment concerning enrollment of persons who might be made available for ministry in our denomination. There were extensive involvements of faculty, trustees, students, and persons in administration on the part of the various institutions as these task forces addressed themselves to their responsibilities. Most careful deliberation and thought was given in every area to the immediate and long range problems of merger in specific and theological education in general.

Mr. Duffey proceeded to review and explain further the Commission's recommendations relative to specific seminaries in the various regions, as contained in its printed report. He then summarized the other recommendations in the Commission's printed report, dealing with the continuation of the Ministerial Education Fund and ongoing evaluation of the seminaries by the Division of Ordained Ministry.

Richard W. Harrington (Western New York) introduced the portion of the Commission's report dealing with the general ministry and its relationship to the ordained ministry.

Mr. Harrington: What you have before you represents 3½ years of study, consultation, and collaboration in writing on the parts of many, many persons—a number of whom are sitting out there among you today. Thus, we feel that we have statements with a wide degree of ownership because so many individuals have played important roles in their formulation. In the commission's attempt to take seriously the mandate to study ordination and the covenant relation as defined in Par. 331 of the 1968 *Book of Discipline*, a major concern arose almost immediately in the fact that the chapter which contains that paragraph is entitled simply, "The Ministry," and deals exclusively then with the ordained ministry of the church.

We were confronted with the fact, and it soon became a deep conviction, that the use of the word "ministry" as being particularly, or even predominantly, identified with those who are ordained is indefensible from the standpoint of our accepted theological standards—namely, scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. The word "ministry" has too vital and too inclusive a meaning to allow any one group of persons within the life of a church to possess it exclusively. Therefore, it was very early in our deliberations that we sought to clarify that "ministry" in the name of Jesus Christ, whether carried out by a clergy person or a lay person, is ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

No matter who performs it, if love and concern and caring in his name are present, it is ministry in the fullest sense of the word. Thus, as a part of the total proposal of the commission there is a statement on the ministry of all Christians which we are recommending to be included in the 1976 *Book of Discipline* as Chapter 1 of Part IV. It is an attempt to identify ministry as the responsibility of the total church of Jesus Christ.

The ministry of all Christians starts in baptism and moves to greater fulfillment in the conscious act of confirmation. Baptism and confirmation are rites of entry into ministry. The statement thus calls for an honest commitment to the full meaning of church membership. It defines ministry plainly and simply as "the concern of the whole People of God." Included in this general ministry of the church are those who respond to call—to serve the church in professional ministries, both lay and ordained. Such persons who are thus called are never relieved of their basic responsibility for being in ministry simply by their being Christian, responding to the call to ministry implicit in their baptism and confirmation, reaching out with serving love to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Harrington continued with an introduction to the portion of the Commission's report dealing with "Guidelines for Recognition of Diaconal Ministry," followed by comments on the section entitled, "The Ordained Ministry."

Time Extended

The chair noted that the time allotted for the presentation of the Commission's report had been exhausted. There was a motion to extend the time for this report for five minutes, and it was adopted.

Report Continued

Mr. Harrington resumed his presentation on "The Ordained Ministry." He moved the referral of the entire report of the Commission to the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry. By vote of the Conference, the motion of referral was adopted.

Commission on the Status and Role of Women

The Chair recognized Barbara R. Thompson (Baltimore), president of the Commission, for presentation of the report.

Ms. Thompson: In 1972 this General Conference stood to honor Georgia Harkness as she observed her 81st birthday. On behalf of all women and men in the church, I salute that esteemed lay woman who would have been 85 years of age on April 22 of this year. Women have been inspired by the commitment Georgia Harkness made to strengthening the life of our church. On page J-49 of the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* you will note that we have identified Georgia Harkness as one of the Foremothers in the Faith, and I read a description that I would like to share with you in terms of how we feel about her.

For what Georgia Harkness did was to integrate academic theology with the spiritual, ethical and social needs of believers. Such was an important first step towards feminine theologizing. I believe that if she were here today with us she, too, would be wearing yellow as a symbol of the solidarity for the concerns of women.

If you will look around you you will note that there are many people wearing yellow, and perhaps those who have taken off jackets would put them on so that the yellow shows and those who are covering the yellow would take it off. But we would like for you to see the expression of solidarity for the concerns of women. Throughout this great hall there are many people who have been directly involved in helping to bring about greater participation for women in the Church. Involvement has come from the episcopal ranks. There are many delegates, women and men, who are present because the concerns of women have been supported at all levels of the church.

People have been working to enrich the community as members of Annual Conference commissions or task forces, as liaison persons from other boards and agencies or as part of the rich resource of the total life of our United Methodist Church.

Ms. Thompson called attention to the printed report of the Commission and introduced the Commission members who would present portions of the report: Doris Handy (Western Pennsylvania), Hazel Decker (Texas), Erwin Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho), Lydia M. Saenz (Chairwoman of the Task Force on Third World Women), and *Jeanne Audrey Powers* (Minnesota).

Ms. Handy called attention to portions of the Commission's printed report. She stressed that while there had been small but significant gains during the quadrennium, the Commission's agenda was not complete. She noted the recommendation of the General Council on Ministries that it should become one of the standing commissions of the church. Ms. Handy referred to the

fact that twelve clergywomen were delegates to this General Conference and observed that this was the first time in history that clergywomen had been seated as delegates.

Ms. Handy: This is progress which we can be proud of, but we must not be satisfied. There is need for a standing commission instead of a quadrennium by quadrennium life and we have proposed legislation to that end. It is significant that 60 of 73 Annual Conferences have already established Conference commissions. This is clear evidence that the empowerment of women is a deeply felt need. The Commission on the Status and Role of Women is also proposing legislation to enable these groups for effective leadership and service. We are challenged to be an inclusive Church, making it possible for women to move forward in the main stream of the policy-making channels of the Church—this great church of ours as it fulfills its mission to the world. You, we, this General Conference have the power to make it happen. Let's do so and as my Bishop would say, so be it.

Hazel Decker (Texas): Along with every other woman in the Women's Division I strongly supported the creation of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, but four years ago in Atlanta when I voted for the commission it never entered my head that I would become a member of the commission—one of the three liaison persons from the Women's Division. Now if I had had more time and there had been fewer conflicts in schedules, I could have also participated in the United Methodist Women's Caucus, which indeed any woman within the Church may do.

From my vantage point as a member of two of the groups and in contact with the third, since members from the caucus regularly meet with commissions, it was easy to see similarities and diversity of the three, yet the unique character and the distinct function of each one. There is no duplication or competition. There is a spirit of support and cooperation because one over-arching concern is common for the three groups within The United Methodist Church. And that is the utilization of the potential of women and the full participation of women both lay and clergy in church and society. Only yesterday a statistic from a recent census in the United States tells a lot about this land in which we live. It was this. Thirteen percent of the homes of this land are headed by women. More than 50 percent of the world's people are women. Women are more than 50 percent of the Church.

One tangible product of the commission's life during this past quadrennium is a book of poems and prose written by women and initiated by Nan Self of the Secretariat. One short poem of just one line by Sister Martha N. Kirk expressed for women the situation. She expresses it so well when she said, "Until woman assumes her rightful place in ministry then Christ has only one hand to strengthen, to teach and to heal."

Erwin Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho), noting that he was one of seventeen men who had been members of the Commission, expressed profound respect for what the women who were members and leaders of the Commission had been able to accomplish in a short period of time and with limited financial resources. He spoke of his work as a member of the Commission's Task Force on Biblical and Theological Perspectives, stressing the importance of achieving better understanding in this area. He referred to the ongoing task remaining to be accomplished and expressed hope for the approval of a standing commission.

Lydia M. Saenz (At-large Commission Member) recalled that at its organizing meeting the Commission had identified the concerns of ethnic and racial minority women as one of its major concerns for the quadrennium. She referred to the fact that many ethnic minority persons were either in missionary conferences, and therefore without vote at policy-making levels of the Church, or in small conferences with only two General Conference delegates, in which case only a laywoman or a layman has a vote. She stated that the Commission had established a joint task force with the Commission on Religion and Race to deal with the complex interrelationships of sexism and racism and "to assist both Commissions and the church at large to be sensitive to . . . the double discrimination faced by ethnic minority women, the need for fair employment practices in the church, the need for affirmative action guidelines to eliminate sexism and racism in the total life of the church." Ms. Saenz reported that, to help deal with these issues, legislation was being proposed that would designate at least 25% of scholarship funds for ethnic minority women who experience a call to the ordained ministry, and that at least 25% of the proposed HANA scholarship funds be for Hispanic, Asian, and Native American women.

Time Extended

The Chair noted that the time allotted for the report of the Commission had been exhausted. *Douglas Verdin* (New York), chairman of the Agenda Committee, moved to extend the time for this report for five minutes. The motion was adopted.

Report Resumed

Jeanne Audrey Powers (Minnesota): At the General Conference in 1928, Mr. M. C. Wright made an outspoken speech on the ordination of women. "The itinerant ministry as much as any calling is a man's job. It takes a real he-man to qualify. Riding circuits, raising steeples among the hills, building spires among the smokestacks calls for the labor of brawny men. We must keep it so if we are to keep up the work of the fathers." I just hope that he had a chance to meet Margaret Henrichsen, first woman District Superintendent, who raised seven of those steeples in rural Maine.

But the church has yet to experience that vital mutuality of the ministry when both women and men can exercise their gifts. Our work has just begun. Our Council of Bishops in the Episcopal Address has affirmed the rights of women, both lay and clergy, to occupy any executive position in the church.

And yet the only agency with disciplinary guidelines for including women at the top levels of staffing is the Board of Global Ministries. Three of our major agencies do not have a single woman in the top three levels of their staff, and that seated row back there of heads of boards and agencies, except for this commission, has yet to have a woman seated.

The Commission's mandate has been to work toward the recruitment, training and full utilization of women in the pastoral and related ministries in The United

Methodist Church. And yet our cabinets are very nervous about the appointment of a woman to a congregation, particularly if she is single and there is no parsonage family, and particularly if she is married and the itinerancy is seemingly challenged, and particularly if she is married to another minister, and particularly if she has children.

The commission has responded increasingly in seeking inquiry, advocacy and justice in employment practices affecting women employed by the boards and agencies and in conference staffs or churches. And yet women who are directors of Christian education or in the deaconess relationship or local church secretaries who are fully qualified in their respective professions remain among the most poorly paid and most eagerly fired when the budget crunches.

And finally, how can we share with you the growing sense of excitement and expectancy, the zest for ministry, that we have. And yet seminaries are still reluctant to hire women in tenured positions. Biblical and theological sexism is relegated to specific women's courses, which remain peripheral to mainline theological education. And concern about language as symbolic carrier of ideas is still not universally adopted. What a contrast we had yesterday between the inclusiveness of the language of the hymnody last night and the exclusiveness of the ecclesiastical procession in the afternoon. Anna Howard Shaw, first ordained Methodist minister, a foremother to all of us in the faith, wrote, "Some day they'll open all the front doors and make a proper use of the enthusiasm for service that women have got. Not only in the ministry, but everywhere. But until then we've got to keep climbing in the best way we know." And until that day comes when all the doors are open, the Commission on Women is only a beginning, but it is a beginning, and we are on our way.

Following the individual presentations, Barbara Thompson noted that the funding support for a standing commission was included in the World Service budget proposal. She moved that the legislation to establish a standing commission and the legislation to establish Annual Conference commissions be referred to the proper legislative committees. The motion to refer was adopted.

Bishops' Call for Peace and Self-development of Peoples

The Chair recognized Bishop Ralph E. Dodge for presentation of the report. Bishop Dodge called delegates' attention to the printed report of the Bishops' Call (see page 1936). He then presented Bishop James Armstrong, Dakotas Area, chairperson of the Coordinating Committee of the Bishops' Call.

Bishop Armstrong: You have the printed report before you. It contains a fragmentary summary of activities and a skeletal statement of underlying directions and theological cultural insights.

Now, how can I dramatize the substance of the call? Last Sunday, April 25, after twenty years of ruinous tragic struggle, the people of Vietnam voted for the reunification of their land. Vietnam is a continuing embarrassment to us. As a nation, as a church, we wish it would go away, we try to ignore it, we try to forget it. But the reality of the self-development dreams of 45 million people in Southeast Asia is with us yet.

Perhaps if for the moment we try to see Vietnam as a microcosmic view of the enemies and the sources of peace, we will better understand the implications of

the Bishops' Call. Let me insert a parenthetical word of explanation and apology to those who are delegates and visitors from other nations. In speaking of Vietnam I will be specific and direct, for without such honesty any talk of Vietnam in retrospect is meaningless. Therefore, I will speak as a citizen of the United States and will make repeated references to the moods and the policies of my own country, a country which I love, even as you love yours.

Vietnam and the enemies of peace. Economic exploitation was listed as an enemy of peace by the Bishops' call. The clash of economic systems provided the real reason for U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, ignoring the well-being of the people. We argued that the struggle being waged was between capitalism and communism. We had to stand the communist tide, we said. We had to keep those dominoes from toppling. The people were not the object. Some two million of them died between 1954 and 1974, and 80 percent of the casualties were civilian. Freedom was not the object. The Saigon government from beginning to end was a corrupt, military police state.

The culture was not the object. The culture was nearly destroyed. Peasants were torn from their villages, from their sacred land and traditional graveyards. Families were ripped apart or flooded into already over-crowded cities, children became beggars, girls became prostitutes. Confucian family concepts, Buddhist pacifism, the Christian love ethic were all flaunted by the brute irrationality of hatred and violence. A young attorney, a member of the nationalist assembly of South Vietnam told a group of us in Saigon in 1969, "The best thing you can do for us is to save us from your salvation."

If not for freedom, if not to preserve traditional values, if not for the sake of the people involved, then why were we there? To serve the political and economic interests of the United States. Nation worship was listed as an enemy of peace by the Bishops' Call. The national interest has been used to justify everything in this country from McCarthyism to the Bay of Pigs, from criminal misadventures of the FBI and CIA to Watergate to Vietnam. But, of course, to certain of our leaders, domestic practice and foreign policy must be based on the national interest. That's the way it has always been, and that's the way it will continue to be.

But think for a moment. If we have a right to exhalt and make secure our nation at the expense of others, then so do 150 other nations across the face of the globe. The law of the jungle is legitimized. It rules out any possibility of international law and international order. It makes inevitable the violent chaos of international anarchy. And all of this in a moment of time when human survival depends upon a sense of global community, mutual responsibility and the development of structures of interdependency. Nation worship, whether in Russia or Rhodesia, China or Chile, whether in Israel or Syria or the United States of America, contains the seeds that in a near and altogether predictable future could destroy us all.

Racism was listed as an enemy of peace in the Bishop's Call. At its best war brutalizes everyone involved. The Vietnamese were gooks and slants; they were not seen as persons. Read the testimony surrounding the My Lai massacre. Human beings were not murdered, they were wasted. Babies and young mothers and helpless old men were not people; not once did Lt. Calley refer to them as people. They were the enemy. And always the words were there—gooks, slants, gook, slant. Racism.

Continued reliance upon military violence was called an enemy of peace by the Bishop's Call. In 1954 the Geneva Agreement called for a temporary division of Vietnam. Within two years elections would be held over all the country to choose the leadership for a united Vietnam. That was 20 years ago. Those elections were never held. Ngo Dinh Diem, the ruler of South Vietnam that was living in the United States when the Geneva agreements were signed, would not permit them. Our State Department backed him to the hilt. Why? Because both Diem and the

State Department knew that an election in 1956 would bring Ho Chi Minh an overwhelming landslide victory. And we talk about the self-determination of people. Gareth Porter, in his significant new book *A Peace Denied,* points out time and time again when negotiations were in progress and political solutions seemed within reach, we choose the military option instead.

In January, 1973, when the Peace Agreements were signed, we received less than we could have in 1969, far less than we could have in 1954. And that after twice as much bomb tonnage had been dropped on a people than in all previous wars combined. Early this month I stood on the site of the Bach Mai Hospital in Hanoi. On December 22, 1972 one hundred bombs were dropped on that hospital. It was destroyed. Today, partially rebuilt, it stands as a grim reminder of the fact that modern warfare is no respecter of persons. It is as indiscriminate as it is insane. Certainly in Vietnam it was both. And in the end it proved nothing except its own futility.

You will remember the call began by saying that blind self-interest is an enemy of peace. That included us all. Reference was made to greed and cowardice, silence and truculence, arrogance and apathy, to sin. And analyzing the tragedy of Vietnam, it is not enough to blame economic, political and military institutions. Not enough to blame opposing ideologies or superpowers vying for supremacy. We are involved. The very traits we referred to—greed, cowardice, silence when voices should be heard, arrogance, indifference, blind self-interest—are expressed in the natural depths of our own being.

Even as nations need spiritual renewal so do we, and we cannot expect nations to change unless our own attitudes and values and lifestyles are converted. Whether looking at an international disgrace like Indochina or a national shame like Watergate or our most private pitfalls, we need to know the hope and power and the promise of new birth.

Vietnam and the sources of peace. We talked about the enemies of peace. As we take this microcosmic view of Vietnam where do we see the sources of peace? Liberation. The genuine self-development of peoples must supplant continuing patterns of exploitation. Vietnam is not a perfect society today. No thoughtful person would claim that. However, Vietnam has been returned to the hands of the Vietnamese.

For a thousand years they defended themselves against the Chinese, then the French were the outsiders, then the Americans, and now the aliens are gone and Vietnam is left with a legacy of overwhelming problems. Unemployment, lack of food, disease, epidemics, crippled transportation and communications systems, and the challenge of building a new and equitable society. When Ho Chi Minh emerged from the jungles at the end of World War II as the socialist leader of the nationalist movement he borrowed heavily from our own Declaration of Independence in writing a Constitution. Even as we have much to learn from Vietnam about sacrifice and collective responsibility, so too can Vietnam learn much from us about individual freedom. Perhaps in a new atmosphere of humility and mutual respect we will be willing to learn from one another. As freedom and justice, as individual rights and collective responsibility are joined, liberation becomes a reality.

Wherever one travels in Vietnam today, one sees this quotation from Ho Chi Minh emblazoned against the sky, "There is nothing more precious than independence and freedom." Let us pray that this poor, ravaged people may find them both.

Another source of peace is racial justice. Look about you in this assembly. Asia is here. Europe is here. Africa is here. South and North America are here. The islands of the sea are here. Black, brown, red, yellow, white, all are one in the Creator's sight. No one here would presume to say that he or she is inherently superior to another. In Christ, there is no East, no West, no Jew, no Arab, no

male, no female, no Communist, no capitalist, no black, no white, no Jew, no spick, no gook, no slant—all are one in Christ.

For years idealists and activists have been singing, "We Shall Overcome Someday," but time is running out. That someday of racial justice must soon come if peace is to be made real.

Another source of peace, the demilitarization of our psychology, of our economy, of our approach to fundamental human problems. How long, O Lord, how long will we permit military budgets to soar while people programs suffer. How long, O Lord, how long will we permit the tentacles of a military industrial network to ensnare and stifle the free and peace loving instincts of the republic. How long, O Lord, how long will we train and support military dictatorships around the world, arming virtually every side of every war while paying lip service to human rights and impartial justice.

How long, O Lord, how long will we allow the most nationalistic and militaristic of our presidential candidates to set the ground rules for foreign policy debate in an election year. A debate that becomes a disgrace in the light of international need and global reality. What right have we as a people to go through the agony of Vietnam if we fail to learn and apply the harsh lessons therefrom. Somehow, we must become convinced that the true glory of this republic rests in something other than a battle hymn.

Another source of peace—let's be more specific: self-development programs, humanitarian aid programs, reconstruction programs that will help heal the wounds of the past and build for a more secure and just tomorrow. Following World War II, the United States helped rebuild vanquished nations. Germany and Japan, totalitarian countries responsible for crimes against humanity, were granted massive economic and technological assistance that helped lift them from the ruin of their defeat. For the Allies, at least, the issues in that war seemed clear. Right was right, wrong was wrong, and right we felt was clearly on our side. Not so in Vietnam. The issues were not clear. The more we learned about Indochina, the more confused we became. The United States was sharply divided. A sense of shame followed our confusion. Yet now in the aftermath of that sort of war the United States has withheld diplomatic recognition, vetoed United Nations membership, imposed a trade boycott and steered clear of logical steps that would lead to the normalization of relationships.

Apparently the humiliation was too great. How could a tiny peasant people, a hardy, gentle people, stave off the economic and technological power, the air and naval power, the manpower of a superpower. We don't know, but they did. So today we would rather not talk about it—rather not think about it. Rebuild Vietnam? We don't seem ready yet to extend our traditional response to a devastated people. Their spirit wasn't broken. They weren't defeated. We don't seem ready yet to assume our moral obligations. In February, 1973, in private correspondence now made public, President Nixon promised Vietnam $3¼ billion of reconstruction aid with no conditions, no political strings attached.

In the Paris Agreement, Articles 8 and 21 lead naturally to the normalization of relationships referred to in Article 22. Article 8 deals with the MIA question, and it must be dealt with. But the congressional committee under the chairmanship of Mississippi's Sonny Montgomery is dealing with it, and Congressman Montgomery, a so-called hawk during the war, insists that we must respond to Article 21 calling for significant reconstruction aid if we expect Vietnam to respond further to the MIA proviso. Montgomery, who with his committee recently visited Vietnam, has also called for the lifting of the embargo and the normalization of ties between the two lands.

Surely on the basis of past precedents, remember World War II, international morality and Christian conscience, the government of the United States has no choice but to offer massive assistance to a people devastated by thirty years of

continuous warfare. We bore 80 percent of the French costs during the French Indochinese War. We paid the full tab for the twenty years of ruinous violence that followed. American dollars paid for the carpet bombing and napalm, for the leveling of forests and the chemical rape of countless rice paddies and sweet potato fields, for the irreparable mutilation of a land and the indescribable suffering of a people. We paid for the war. Now in the name of God and for the sake of humanity let us help pay for the peace.

Peace with honor? There will be no legitimate claim to national honor for us this side of a significant role in the reconstruction of a ravaged country. Our churches have a role to play in this. Through UMCOR and Church World Service, through the Fund for Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Indochina of the World Council of Churches, and the humanitarian aid programs of friendship, we will be called upon to help with food, with restoration of agriculture and the rural base, with resources to help in the development of indigenous industry, with medical supplies and educational equipment, and in a thousand gestures designed to symbolize reconciliation and friendship.

Toward the end of the General Conference in 1972, the Council of Bishops asked me to leave Atlanta and attend the third United Nations Conference on Trade and Development being held in South America. There I represented the Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-development of Peoples. During the last days of this General Conference I have been asked to chair a press conference and enter into conversation with congressional leadership in Washington to plead for a humanitarian response to the urgent needs in Vietnam, again as a representative of the Bishops' Call.

These activities symbolize in some small way the relationship of a legislative body like this General Conference to a real world out there where exploitation and tyranny and suffering and war continue to plague God's created order. Just as the enemies of peace must be personalized, so must the sources of peace. As the Bishops' Call said, "New life based upon an honest awareness of past failures and sins is a requisite for peace. If God's conditions for peace include penitence and new life, they can also be summarized with one word—love. Freedom is love's expression, justice is love's demand. Believing that those who live by the sword will perish by the sword, and that those who find their security in nuclear stockpiles may well be destroyed by that weaponry, love seeks to overcome evil with good. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. He has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation."

We began by saying that Vietnam offers a microcosmic study of the enemies and sources of peace. Let me close with a note of hope and promise drawn from the pen of a Vietnamese poet: "I would like to say some simple things, simple as a field of rice or sweet potatoes, or a silent early morning. Please let me breathe again the air of yesterday. Let children frolic in the sun with kites over bamboo bridges. Just a narrow little space will be enough, for rows of bamboo trees around it. And leave a little space for an entrance, a place for a girl and a boy to tell the story of the moon, for old women with babies to gather and chatter. Please give me back these things I've mentioned. A story as simple as a bird's unbroken song, as a mother, as a baby, as the life of long ago the poets used to tell."

Bishop Armstrong was accorded a standing ovation at the conclusion of his statement.

Continuing Commission on the Black Colleges **(see page 1947)**

The Chair recognized Bishop Ernest T. Dixon (Kansas Area) for the presentation of the report. Bishop Dixon introduced members of the Continuing Commission and three presidents of

black colleges who were also delegates or reserve delegates to the General Conference: Dr. Samuel Meyer (West Ohio), Joseph T. Johnson (Northern Illinois), Marjorie Mann (North Carolina), Dr. John T. King (Southwest Texas; President, Huston-Tillotson College), Clarice M. Howe (Northern New Jersey), Mary Good (Detroit), *Robert E. Hayes* (Texas; President, Wiley College), and Richard V. Moore (Florida; Chancellor, Bethune-Cookman College). He expressed appreciation to Fred Harris, *F. Thomas Trotter*, and *DePriest Whye* of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry staff for their assistance in preparing the report of the Continuing Commission. He also recognized the support of the Council of Bishops and individual bishops for the black colleges.

Bishop Dixon referred to the printed report of the Commission and lifted up certain portions of it for special emphasis. Following his presentation the report was referred by vote of the Conference.

Time Extended

Douglas Verdin (Chairman, Agenda Committee) moved the time be extended for ten minutes to permit the completion of the agenda. The time was extended.

Matter of High Privilege

Diane Moats (Southern California-Arizona) attempted to secure the floor for presentation of a question of high privilege, which she identified as the matter of voting rights for delegates of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. The Chair ruled that she was not in order at this time inasmuch as this involved a constitutional change.

Concordats with the Methodist Church of Mexico and the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas

Forrest C. Stith (Baltimore), chairman of the Legislative Committee on Global Ministries, moved that the rules be suspended for the presentation of reports related to this matter and that Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) be recognized to present the reasons for the suspension of rules. Mr. Slutz explained the constitutional provision under which concordats may be established with autonomous Methodist churches permitting the mutual exchange of voting delegates in one another's highest legislative bodies. He then proceeded to give background information on the concordats to be presented at this time.

Mr. Slutz: Over the last three years the Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns, with the authority and backing of Global Ministries and

in consultation with the Council of Bishops, has been working toward a Concordat with the Methodist Church of Mexico, our closest neighbor geographically, a close neighbor historically, a church that has had over a hundred years existence, that for 46 years has been completely independent, self-supporting and a growing vital church. The yellow sheet distributed this morning unfortunately referred to it as a missionary church, but it is a fully independent, self-supporting, autonomous church which comes to this concordat on the basis of equality.

On July 4 of last year, symbolically, the General Conference of The Methodist Church of Mexico voted approval of a concordat with The United Methodist Church. They selected two delegates, one clergy and one lay who are here, and the reason we have asked that this petition be considered now is so that if it is passed these delegates may immediately be seated and take full part in all the deliberations of this Conference; so that they can take their place in the committees, the committee work and be seated this morning.

As we worked out that concordat the opportunity developed for another one, with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, a church coming out of the British tradition which for nine years now has been completely independent. And they approached us, said that they felt they had close cultural and economic, social and religious ties with our church and with our country, and they said that they would be very much interested in a similar concordat, and so one again has been negotiated and is to be presented to you this morning if you will suspend the rules so that we can present it this morning.

And again the reason why we feel it is rather urgent so far as time is concerned is that the president of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas is here today, but must leave tonight to go back to his own church because their conference meets in the next few days. The hope is that if we can approve this concordat, we can here select our delegates to go to their conference which will be held in a couple of weeks. Then if their General Conference approves the concordat our delegates can promptly be seated at the beginning of their session. Consequently, we are asking that these two petitions which were unanimously passed by the Board of Global Ministries Committee last night be presented to you. And if adopted, that these men can be seated and the president of the Church of the Caribbean can say hello and we will have approved these two concordats.

The motion to suspend the rules was adopted.

Mr. Stith presented the report of the Legislative Committee on Global Ministries, recommending that the concordat with the Methodist Church of Mexico be approved. He explained that it would authorize the immediate seating of one clergy and one lay delegate from that Church in this General Conference and also the election by this Conference of delegates and reserves to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico. He moved the adoption of the report, and it was adopted (see page 1549).

Mr. Stith then presented a similar committee action to establish a concordat with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. He moved its adoption, and it was adopted (see page 1549).

Mr. Slutz introduced the two delegates from the Methodist Church of Mexico, *Bishop Alejandro Ruiz* and Roberto Rios, and the president of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the

Americas, *Claude Cadogan. Dr. Cadogan* and *Bishop Ruiz* each greeted the Conference and expressed appreciation on behalf of their respective churches for the action of the Conference. Bishop Stowe welcomed the new members of the Conference.

Announcements

Bishop Alton (Secretary, Council of Bishops) announced a meeting of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

Bishop Tuell (Portland Area) announced that a telegram had been received which read, in part, as follows: "Regret unable to attend General Conference due to pressure of work in the liberation of Zimbabwe. Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa."

Zan Holmes (North Texas) made an announcement. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) made additional announcements.

Bishop Stowe expressed appreciation to Bishops Mathews and Alton for their assistance in the task of presiding over the session.

Adjournment

Bishop James W. Henley pronounced the benediction, and the session was adjourned.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1976
AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop Francis E. Kearns

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the afternoon session of the second day, Wednesday, April 28, 1976, at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Francis E. Kearns, Ohio East Area, presiding.

Carlton Young introduced the organist, Joan Pratt of the First United Methodist Church of Vancouver, Washington, and led in the singing of a hymn. Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio Area, led the Conference in prayer.

Committee on Presiding Officers

Jameson Jones (Rocky Mountain), chairman of the Committee on Presiding Officers, announced that Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, Oklahoma Area, had been chosen to preside at the Thursday morning session.

Matter of High Privilege

Kenneth Cooper (Alabama-West Florida) requested recognition as a matter of high privilege for the purpose of responding to Bishop Armstrong's statement at the morning session. Bishop Kearns ruled that the Chair did not consider this to be a matter of high privilege and asked that Mr. Cooper present his request to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges.

General Council on Ministries (see pages 2073-2144)

The Chair recognized John T. King (Southwest Texas), president of the General Council on Ministries, for presentation of the report. Dr. King called attention to the printed report of the Council, as found in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. He also introduced those who would participate in the presentation of the report: *Paul Duffey* (Alabama-West Florida), Dolphus Whitten (Oklahoma), *Norman E. Dewire* (General Secretary, General Council on Ministries), and *Paul V. Church* (Consultant and former General Secretary, General Council on Ministries). He asked that the Conference express its appreciation to *Dr. Church* for his years of service, inasmuch as he was scheduled to retire a few months hence. The Conference responded with applause.

Dr. King presented the Council's report on the reference from the 1972 General Conference dealing with central ordering and distribution for all publications and supplies produced by the

boards and agencies (see page 2073). He called attention to the resolution for action on this report (see pages 1817-1818).

Dr. King then presented the Council's report on its functions with respect to the allocation of World Service funds to the general program agencies (see pages 2080-2084).

The work of the Council in coordinating the legislative proposals of the general agencies to this General Conference was described. Attention was directed to five miscellaneous resolutions related to legislation (see pages 1822-1825).

Dr. King stated that the 1972 General Conference had assigned to the Council on Finance and Administration and the General Council on Ministries certain responsibilities related to the property and location of general agencies' headquarters. He called attention to a resolution for study and action related to the headquarters location of the Board of Global Ministries which the two Councils were submitting jointly as a result of their work in this area (see page 1819).

Finally Dr. King presented a "Resolution on a Task Force on the Church and Human Sexuality" which was included in the Council's report (see pages 1812-1813).

Paul A. Duffey (Alabama-West Florida) reported on the Council's work in the development of planning materials to be made available to local churches for use in planning their programs and ministries. He referred the Conference to the document included in the Council's report under the title, "The Kingdom in our Midst."

Mr. Duffey: It is a rather comprehensive document. It is well illustrated and deals with the basic results of our survey and study concerning the determined need of our people as perceived by a wide range of people within our denomination.

This document is related to seven vital concerns which are listed as deeper personal commitment to Christ; strengthening the local church; full participation by lay persons; concern for persons; values and ethics in public and private life; living as good stewards in an age of scarcity; the future of church-related institutions. These were arrived at through a process of survey and study and feed-back across our whole denomination.

They represent the perceived needs and urgencies of our people as they plan for ministry, but undergirding them are an equal number of basic perspectives so that our ministry is not only programmatic, but it is also the "warp and woof" of our fabric of ministry. Each of these is to be undergirded by theological understanding, by the perspective of global involvement, ecumenical and interreligious style relating to systems, racial, ethnic pluralism, world hunger, communications as part of the undergirding of each of the seven vital concerns.

Now taking seven concerns and seven underlying principles, there is a fabric to be woven of response in a meaningful way to the people and to the needs of the people. Now we believe that the local church needs some opportunity for planning so that we have produced this planning document. It is not a program in the sense of something to be filled out but a possibility for fulfillment.

Taking the theme and then using this document there will be other parts of a planning process made available. That is the program of getting people involved from the smallest church to the largest, and from every agency in our denomination.

Mr. Duffey explained that *The Interpreter* would present articles, resources, and planning aids in connection with this emphasis. General agencies had been involved in the development of the proposal and would develop the resources for implementing it, if it was approved by the General Conference. There would be a tie-in with the two missional priorities being recommended, world hunger and enablement of racial and ethnic minority local churches, and with evangelism. He called attention to resolutions related to this emphasis (see pages 2085-2088).

Dolphus Whitten, Jr. (Oklahoma) presented the Council's report dealing with publications (see pages 2130-2141).

Dr. Whitten: In March last year the Council on Ministries instructed the Joint Committee on Communications, which is the communications arm of the G.C.O.M., to make a study of the general periodicals of The United Methodist Church to determine how adequate they are and to determine what other media might be needed in order to serve the general church and especially at the church, the local church, and the Annual Conference levels.

Now, about a month after this study began, the necessity of the study was greatly reinforced when, as you recall, the Publishing House found it necessary to discontinue publication of *Today* magazine. This was a rather dramatic change in the publication and communication effort of the Church. It represented pulling out about a million dollar operation a year—about half of this being in subsidies by the Publishing House and about half of it in subscriptions from United Methodists. Obviously, something had to be done to replace this part of our communications system. The Joint Committee on Communications made its report to the Council on Ministries in December, 1975. The report analyzed the various audiences which need to be served through our communications system and suggested a number of alternatives for meeting these needs.

Dr. Whitten called attention first to that portion of the report which set forth the proposals and then to an additional report which set forth the funding request for a comprehensive communications system (see pages 1788, 2142).

Dr. Whitten: I would like to leave you with this thought. The Council on Ministries is recommending *not* a continuation or replacement of a $1 million operation such as we had with *Today* magazine. Instead of that we are asking that the church approve $659,500 for what we think will be a comprehensive program of communication for the church and geared primarily toward the place where we feel the communication is needed most, and that is at the local church level. Thank you very much.

John T. King (Southwest Texas) reported Council recommendations regarding missional priorities. By way of background information he outlined the disciplinary authority and the process by which the Council had arrived at its recommendations.

In presenting recommendations on the world hunger priority, Dr. King cited portions of a report to the General Council on Ministries by an Interagency Task Force on World Hunger Priority, as printed in an Addendum to the Council's report in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for April 27.

Dr. King then reported the Council's recommendations related to the ethnic minority local church priority. He presented background information leading to the Consultation on the Ethnic Minority Local Church, which had been authorized by the Council and convened by the General Board of Discipleship. After outlining the process by which the Consultation's recommendations had been considered by the Council, Dr. King called attention to Resolution I in the Council's report, dealing with actions to be implemented in addressing this priority (see pages 2087-2088). Reference was made to additional Council actions and recommendations dealing with monitoring and evaluating functions and with strategies and implementation of items in the report (see pages 2129-2130). Included in this was the recommendation for the creation of a Study Committee of Native American Ministries (see page 1805).

Frieda Spafford (Detroit) moved that the time be extended ten minutes to allow a representative from each of the four ethnic minorities who had participated in the consultation process to speak to the recommendation. The extension of time was voted by the Conference.

George Outen (Staff, General Board of Discipleship) introduced the four persons who would speak on behalf of the ethnic minorities: *Joel Martinez*, chairperson of the Committee on Strategy and Implementation of the Consultation, for Hispanic concerns; *Lloyd Wake* (California-Nevada), for Asian-Americans; *Maceo Pembroke* (Northern Illinois), representing blacks; and Diane Moats (Southern California-Arizona), representing native Americans.

Mr. Martinez: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council of Bishops, delegates, fraternal delegates, ethnic minority constituency and other visitors. We rise to bring urgent words on behalf of the Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American constituencies in The United Methodist Church. My colleagues and I have been delegated to speak by our respective groups and will address the matter of the report on the Ethnic Minority Local Church, which is before this General Conference for action, in the same manner in which the report was developed, written and recommended, that is, by ethnic minority people speaking for themselves.

We call to the attention of this General Conference two central facts and one unanimous recommendation. The two central facts: first of all this report represents the most comprehensive, sustained and significant inter-ethnic development in the history of this denomination. An inter-ethnic coalition of deep concern for the survival and strengthening of the ethnic minority local churches

has emerged, crystalized and grows stronger with every passing day. We are together.

Number two: the ethnic minority constituencies and leadership understand the fate of this report to be inextricably related to the survival and endurance of The United Methodist denomination itself. For if this denomination will not live with its pronouncements on the inclusive nature of the church, which is the prime and ultimate meaning of this priority, then it will not live for the Lord Jesus Christ. The issue then is not ethnic minority survival, it is the wholeness, the faithfulness and the spirituality of The United Methodist Church as a whole.

The one unanimous recommendation: every ethnic minority caucus, namely the Asian-American Federation of United Methodists, the National American Indian Committee, the Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the Hispanic Caucus MARCHA, have all endorsed the full funding of $5,000,000 annually in new funds for the 1977-80 quadrennium. And further, that this new financing come through an increase in the World Service Fund ceiling.

Never in the history of our interethnic coalitional efforts have expectations been higher. Never have we witnessed the full, free and committed support of our people in the grass roots, the leadership, and everyone that is concerned and related to the priorities. This means that a clearly defined mission priority common to all our ethnic groups and a cause for whom each will give full and free support has emerged, crystalized and is before the church. We are together. Thank you.

Mr. Wake: Brothers and sisters of The United Methodist Church, a mouse one day in quest of food came out and ran face to face with a cat, who was also looking for a meal. The mouse began to bark loudly, "Bow-wow, Bow-wow!" The frightened cat dashed off, his tail between his legs. A fellow mouse had seen this drama from his tiny hole and came out and said, "Wow, I didn't know you could bark." The response was, "Well, I've always said it paid to be bilingual."

As Asians, we have often felt that The United Methodist Church, symbolically speaking, has carried out its mission to Asian countries and ministry to Asian Americans in one language from one perspective. We feel it is to affirm the value of being bilingual, and to affirm the pluralism that is the rich heritage of our beloved United Methodist Church. I am one of the handicapped Asian Americans in that I speak only one language—English, but many of my Asian American brothers and sisters, both clergy and lay, are bilingual not only in speaking but in their sensitivity, in their feelings. They are extremely valuable and the need for their leadership is becoming increasingly necessary.

Why? Because hosts of immigrants from Hong Kong, from Taiwan, Japan, Korea and the Philippines are entering the United States at a rapid rate. Many of these are from our sister churches in these countries. Many are immigrating because they are fearful of the economic, social and political unrest in their countries. The heroic services being given by our ministers and lay people to these new immigrants must be supported. New clergy leadership must be recruited and trained. Many present Asian American clergy are very near retirement age. Church development and church extension are a necessity in our Asian and other ethnic minority communities. These are generally communities vacated or in the process of being vacated by white congregations. Many of the buildings need to be upgraded or repaired so that growing ethnic minority communities in these areas can be served more adequately.

These are only a few of the goals being sought by ethnic minority churches. The United Methodist Church at this General Conference is being given a great opportunity to make our beloved United Methodist Church truly inclusive.

Mr. Pembroke: Bishop, and members of the Conference, I'm indebted to The Methodist Church, for this month I end 35 years in the pastoral ministry in one

way or another in the church. And today I speak for an indigenous group who has a lovers' quarrel with The United Methodist Church.

Why? I and some of us have mixed emotions when we know that we are indigenous and we see the name of Wesley, Asbury, Albright and Otterbein on the board. Lest we forget, Betty, a black woman, was one of the five at the first Methodist prayer meeting. And, therefore, we were one-fifth at the beginning. We omit Harry Hoosier, whom Bishop Asbury commended highly for his evangelistic work in winning Methodists.

And this brings us to the order of the day, lest the ethnic minorities be omitted and be forgotten in spite of the fact that 1976-80 has made us a missional priority. You have the studies and the facts and the knowledge, and we call upon this General Conference to add love to the knowledge that you have about the money of $15 million that's needed for one year and $60 million for the quadrennium; with $5 million coming from the reordering of priorities of general boards and agencies, $5 million from Annual Conferences and $5 million for new money. And we ask that this General Conference mandate our 73 Annual Conferences—the body of control—to see that this ethnic minority becomes a realistic reality in each of the Annual Conferences. And that we in our Annual Conferences become sensitive to the needs of ethnic minorities.

If we fail to put this in the World Service giving, and put it under special apportionments or second-mile giving or selective giving, I think Markham has said what will happen. You will have drawn a circle to shut the ethnic minorities out.

The Chair noted that the time was exhausted, and it was extended by action of the Conference.

Ms. Moats: I would like to share with you—when Hudson came down the river when he first came to rediscover America, they wanted to have a trading post, and so they came and they asked the natives, you know, if they could have a little bit of land for their trading post. And they said sure that would be fine. The next morning they came and they found a huge area because what they had done was taken a buffalo skin and said we will use this as the land we want, but they took the buffalo skin and turned it on end, from one end to another, into a round circle, and the natives laughed and thought it was a good joke. And they would have to be more careful the next time. And as we see, they did.

We have always had a philosophy which is in the two-row wampum. A two-row wampum is something you exchange in the flight for barter. One row was for the European culture for the identity, for their respect for their government, for the people of who they were. The other row was for the native culture, language, religions and who they were. And they said in this exchange that when we come and live together that we can live in peace respecting each other. But because they are two-rows they shall not overlap or exchange but a mutual respect.

In 1924, Native Americans were recognized as citizens of the United States. Fifty-two years later in the history of our country and 192 years later in the history of our organized church, you as a part of this General Conference are part of a historical event for our church. For never before has a Native American stood before this General Conference who can vote, and I thank my conference, my bishop and my delegation for their support.

Yet I must share with you my pain when four of my brothers and sisters from Mexico and the Caribbean are seated, and I celebrate that joy, while at the same time looking at my people from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference in their pain. Must we proclaim our sovereignty as a people and as a nation before we can gain the same kind of recognition before you? Surely you can see why we have been calling for a Native American Commission to evaluate and study

Native American ministries—their philosophical and social basis which they have been dealt in The United Methodist Church. We hope the change in the name that came from GCOM—commission to committee—does not mean that this will not be referred to the Legislative Committee on Commissions and will not be dealt with as such—a commission.

But we are here before you as ethnics, we come in love, we are united, we ask you to share with us in the advocacy. We do not stand before you on one side of an issue or alone, but we know that in the brotherhood of the church it is only together that we can work toward the good of mankind. With the issue of hunger you can show a little child starving and it can deeply cut our heart, but if you have not had experience in an ethnic community it is very difficult to understand what we mean when you say the crisis in the local ethnic church. And I fear that the only way that we can depict this crisis in a local ethnic church so that people could understand without being there, would be to show a cross. Because if the local ethnic church crisis is not properly funded you are going to see the death of the ethnic church in The United Methodist Church.

Mr. Outen made a brief concluding statement. Dr. King moved that all items in the General Council on Ministries Report, both in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and in the April 27 issue, be referred to the appropriate legislative committees. The motion of referral was adopted.

Council on Finance and Administration (see pages 2000-2055)

The Chair recognized Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, president of the Council on Finance and Administration, for the report. Bishop Ensley introduced *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) for the presentation.

Mr. Drennan presented the "Comparative Report of Recommendations for All Apportioned General Funds" as found in the Council's printed report, and then called attention to the preliminary calculations of Annual Conference apportionments as they would appear if these recommendations were adopted. He stressed that the apportionments as printed were for information only, and that the official apportionments would be calculated, based on the actions of the Conference, after the Conference's adjournment.

Mr. Drennan then presented the Council's Report No. 1, dealing with the World Service Fund (see page 2000). He outlined the process followed by the Council in arriving at its recommendation for the total of this fund for the 1977-80 quadrennium; he observed that while the recommended total was only 6.3% larger than the present World Service apportionment, it was approximately 15% higher than the amount actually paid on World Service in 1975. The process of consultation between the Council and the General Council on Ministries with respect to program agency allocations was then described, and it was noted that the two Councils were in agreement on these allocations. *Mr.*

Drennan noted that additional recommendations had been received from the General Council on Ministries asking that the World Service total be increased, but that the Council on Finance and Administration, after considering these recommendations, believed that the total of $24,980,000 should be maintained.

Mr. Drennan then presented Report No. 2 (see page 2010), dealing with the apportionment formula, and Report No. 9, dealing with recommendations for a proposed Ethnic Minority Concerns Fund.

Mr. Drennan: The matter of the Ethnic Minority Local Churches was referred to the Council on Finance and Administration after the World Service budget process had been observed on which there was mutual agreement. The Council on Finance and Administration recognizes the need as reflected in the task force report on Ethnic Minority Local Churches and it understands the amount that has been referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration. The total of the Ethnic Minority Local Church Fund is projected as $15 million per year. However, the General Council on Ministries has made other recommendations concerning $13.5 million of that $15 million and referred to our council then the $1.5 million of that fund. Coincident with the referral of the Ethnic Minority Local Church matter, there came to us on recommendation of GCOM a $500,000 per year scholarship fund which is called HANA, standing for assistance to Hispanics, Asian Americans and Native Americans. The two items together then become $2 million. And while the General Council on Ministries requested that this be added to the World Service budget, it is the recommendation of the Council on Finance and Administration that a new general fund be established to be called the Ethnic Minority Concerns Fund.

Mr. Drennan introduced *John W. Curry, Sr.* (South Carolina) for the next presentation. *Dr. Curry* presented the Council's Report No. 3 (see page 2012), dealing with the Episcopal Fund.

Recess

Bishop Alton made an announcement, following which the Conference was in recess for fifteen minutes. At the conclusion of the recess *Carlton Young* led in the singing of a hymn.

Committee on Agenda

Douglas Verdin (New York) outlined revisions in the agenda which would allow completion of all of the reports scheduled for the afternoon session.

Council on Finance and Administration (Report Resumed)

Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Nashville Area, presented the Council's report dealing with the Ministerial Education Fund (see page 2020).

Bishop Finger: Mr. Chairman and members of the General Conference, the Council is recommending two substantive changes in the Ministerial Education

Fund. One relates to the percentage used to compute the apportionments to the Annual Conferences. It has been 2 percent which would have yielded $10 million had it been paid in full. The new percentage is 1.75 percent. It is projected that this will yield $11 million plus.

The second change of substance has to do with the year on which the percentage is figured. In the quadrennium just closing, it was fixed at the $10 million dollar level. In the new quadrennium the recommendation is that the 1.75 percent be figured on the basis of the latest figures available for a given year, which would mean with increased giving across the church, the amount of the apportionment for the Ministerial Education Fund would be increased by that amount.

Paul Webb, Jr. (North Georgia) presented Report No. 5, dealing with theTemporary General Aid Fund (see page 2023). He summarized the historical background which led to the creation of the fund and then presented the recommendations for the 1977-1980 quadrennium.

Recommendations related to the General Administration Fund, Report No. 6 (see page 2025), were presented by James A. Crippen, who gave brief explanations of selected line items in the proposed fund budget. Council recommendations for the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Report No. 7 (see page 2028), were introduced by Barbara Stauss. She noted changes in line items included in the fund which resulted from 1972 General Conference actions in restructuring the general agencies.

Marjorie Mann (North Carolina) presented Report No. 8, the Black College Fund (see page 2030), noting that the recommended amount was the same as for the current quadrennium.

Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, Oklahoma Area, called attention to the Council's recommendations related to Special Days as found in Report No. 10 (see page 2033) and to the Council's recommended legislation dealing with Special Days (see pages 1740-1744).

Bishop Milhouse also announced that the amount of the offering taken on April 27 for World Hunger was $5,396.78, and that $25.00 additional had come in later.

Merrill Drennan made a brief concluding statement and moved reference of the reports to the appropriate legislative committees. The motion to refer was adopted.

The United Methodist Church and the Charismatic Movement—Report

The Chair recognized Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, president of the General Board of Discipleship, for presentation of the report.

Bishop Goodson: Mr. Chairman, though it is not on the agenda this hour, my real desire would be to bring you a report of the quadrennial life of your newest major board, the Board of Discipleship. It would be a thrilling report of a new

entity struggling to become, and finally at long last becoming, and now is one of the really great stories of structural development in the life of our church.

But I will not do this today for it is not my task. I will address myself to the agenda. But I wish you knew the exciting story of the development of the Board of Discipleship. The General Conference of our church, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in April-May of 1972, acting out of deep concern and great interest, directed the newly formed Board of Discipleship to make two studies during this quadrennium and to report the result of these studies to this session of the General Conference.

These two studies had to do with: No. 1, The United Methodist Church and the Charismatic Movement; No. 2, A Study of the Decline in Church Membership. We are now ready to report our stewardship and the results of our study. Let me say to you that we present these reports proudly by members of the staff of the Board of Discipleship, but they are not staff papers. They have been discussed and processed every conceivable way by the membership of the board, and through that membership they have been exposed and discussed, written and rewritten, and finally presented to you by the Board of Discipleship.

Bishop Goodson introduced others who would participate in this and the succeeding report for the Board of Discipleship as follows: *Ross E. Whetstone* and *Warren Hartman*, staff members of the board, and *Melvin G. Talbert* (Southern California-Arizona), General Secretary.

Mr. Whetstone presented the printed report entitled "GUIDELINES: The United Methodist Church and the Charismatic Movement" (see page 1989).

Study of Membership Trends—Report

Warren J. Hartman: Bishop Kearns, Bishop Goodson, members and friends of the General Conference, any analysis of church membership trends must be placed in some kind of perspective.

When analyzing trends and developments, the social scientists frequently speak of about three major kinds of indicators. There are those indicators which precede major developments. They may or may not be the cause of the developments, but in terms of time they are usually the harbingers of other trends and other developments which can be expected to follow.

The second indicators are those which accompany or are contingent with major developments and trends, and if a phenomenon is noticeable, then we can look for and expect to find certain other contingent factors accompanying those conditions. And the third group of indicators are those lagging indicators which follow after and are often the result of previous trends which may have been developing over an extended period of time.

In a study of church membership trends, we actually have to take all of the different kinds of trends into account, and indicators into account, but in many cases the current decline in church membership is actually a lagging indicator.

Church membership decline in The United Methodist Church could probably have been predicted as much as 15 or more years ago on the basis of trends and developments which were then beginning to emerge elsewhere in the life of the church long before the decline of church membership was reported in 1964.

The late 1940's and the 50's, when the Church was enjoying some of its most rapid growth and expansion, there were some signs then that decline was beginning to appear, but we weren't particularly concerned about them; we

weren't concerned about the decelerated rate of growth in the Church, and especially in the church school, nor in some of the other trends. We tended to explain them by noting changes in the record keeping procedures, or in changing concepts in the mission of the Church, or by reminding ourselves that we were not going to be directed or victimized by an emphasis on numbers and statistics and all of those kinds of records. We pointed out that church membership and financial support was continuing to increase, and therefore these were ample proof that the Church was robust and healthy and growing.

But we failed to realize that the rapid growth of the late 50's and the early 60's was due in large measure to a number of factors which had produced a momentum that by that time was losing its influence and power, and when the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church united in 1968, we were already in the fourth year of church membership decline.

Dr. Hartman proceeded to present material from the printed report, outlining the background leading to the study, trends in membership receptions and removals, trends in areas of the church's life other than membership which appear to lead membership trends, the influence of personal and societal factors on church membership, and recommendations for action (see page 2056).

Time Extended

The Chair noted that the time set by the Conference for adjournment had arrived. A motion to extend the time was adopted.

Report Resumed

Bishop Goodson: Thank you, sir. When The United Methodist Church came into being eight years ago, we all had an exciting new vision of a new church which would have an ever-expanding ministry in a new world. We talked about it under a quadrennial theme—"A New Church For A New World." We have witnessed the fulfillment of many dimensions of that vision. We have had some victories and they have challenged us to seek some more.

There is one area, however, in which we have been far from satisfied. In fact, many of us are deeply concerned about the steady decline in church membership. The effects of that declining membership have been noticeable in a number of ways. We have fewer persons in our worship services, far fewer people in our church schools. The number of persons who have professed their faith in Christ and united with the church have been almost cut in half. We have begun to be comfortable in our losses, and we have rationalized them away. That comfort is a disaster to the life of the church. Many members in our local church are becoming alarmed as they become aware of the erosion that is taking place.

Is it possible that some of us are losing parts of the vision which brought our new church into being? When people lose their vision of the future, they are inclined to concentrate on the glories of the past and the pains of the present. Members and staff of the Board of Discipleship believe that it is time to recreate those missing parts of that vision through a renewed emphasis on ministries of outreach and nurture and growth. In more common terms, we are talking about local church evangelism and Christian education.

We believe those are some of the important things that a local church can do. We believe it to be imperative for a local church not only to survive institutionally, but to be in mission and ministry which is the reason for being.

It is out of that conviction that the Board of Discipleship has responded to your mandate and is now offering to The United Methodist Church two very exciting emphases. We are calling them: A Comprehensive Program of Evangelism and Decision Point: Church School. You have a folder on your desk which contains a brief description of each of these emphases. I'm not going to repeat a lot of information which is in those booklets but I do want to tell you some things about these emphases.

Both of the emphases affirm the importance of the ministry of our local churches. If it doesn't happen back home in the local church, it isn't likely to happen anywhere else. If good things are going to happen in The United Methodist Church, then they must begin there. Both emphases are designed to be used in the local church. There are a number of things in each of them which can be done by every local church regardless of their size or their circumstances. Both programs are structured—we seem to work well that way—yet they are open-ended so that every local church can adapt the program and do those things which they feel, which are most appropriate to their own position and to their own situation.

The programs are designed to have a built-in accumulative effect that pastors and local church leaders are encouraged to determine their own schedule, and where they will place their strongest emphasis. While there are two separate emphases, a Comprehensive Program of Evangelism and Decision Point: Church School, they have been developed cooperatively and are closely interrelated to the necessity of this hour and to the mandate about membership that you gave us when we met in Atlanta. They share some common emphasis and they complement and support each other in their other emphasis. Both emphases are based heavily upon findings of the Study of the Local Church Membership Trends and other research concerning the church and its programs. A number of program implications growing out of those studies will be included in the guidance resources.

There will be a number of new guidance resources which will give practical, down-to-earth, challenging suggestions about ways to carry out the program in every local church. Most of the resources are already in various stages of preparation and development. Some of them will be ready for your use before this year ends. All of this will be a part of your assignment to us concerning membership trends.

I want to say a brief word to you about each program. A Comprehensive Plan for Evangelism is really a strategic plan helping every local church to become a functioning center for a continuing evangelistic ministry. The emphasis is based on the assumption, and be glory it better be, that the evangelistic ministry is at the heart of the ministry of every local church. Evangelism is not an option, evangelism is an imperative; we are under orders.

You probably read, or you have at least glanced over the descriptive booklet about it, but just let me call your attention to the three life streams which have been identified. The major emphasis is on the outreach of the Church to persons who are not now a part of the Church, the body of Christ, and to those members of the Church who are in it but not in it, who are not very active. This is an active emphasis on conversion and Christian experience which expresses itself in a number of ways including active participation in the local church. The other two streams support that main emphasis. The second life stream, growth in discipleship, recognizes the critical importance of study and learning about the Christian faith, especially in the church school, but also in other settings in the life of the church. The third life stream emphasizes the development of a supportive

community in which a person experiences koinonia of fellowship with others in a community of Christian love and understanding.

You also have before you a description of the program known as Decision Point: Church School. I want to call your attention to several parts of that emphasis. Decision Point: Church School is based on the conviction that we are under a divine mandate to help each generation learn about the Christian faith and life. We have an obligation to nurture the Christian growth and the development of every child, every young person, every adult so that they might be disciples of our Lord at every stage of their life.

We have a responsibility for teaching each Christian what they must know and the skills they must have in order to function responsibly as Christians in the world and as leaders in the church. If you mark off, or de-emphasize the Church School, indeed the Sunday School, you will be doing it at your own and your denomination's peril. In the United Methodist Church, we have an organized church school in practically every local church to work at the task. Think of it, forty thousand church schools. But they need help, they need all that they can get. We all acknowledge that, we all admit it, and Decision Point: Church School is designed to provide that help.

It is soundly based on three major research studies and focuses on the work of those persons who hold the key to church school success or to church school failure—namely the pastors, the teachers, the parents, the work area chairpersons and the Sunday school superintendents.

Because of what happens in the church school eventually affects the whole church, we believe that Decision Point: Church School is imperative for us. Both of these emphases are involved in a number of conference and district leaders in their development as well as members of the Board of Discipleship. Plans are under way to continue working very closely with them in the further development of this program. We firmly believe that these two emphases which are related to the very heart of our ministry in the local church could help to recreate those missing parts of the vision which all of us have for The United Methodist Church.

We're not only offering them to you, we are also inviting you to seriously consider ways to implement them in your Annual Conferences, and in your districts and in your local church. May I have one final word? The emphases are good, the programs and the papers that have been laid on your desk like Membership Trends represent long hours of research and study and have been done with the technical skill that is remarkable and amazing. They have in their development some of the finest research, some of the finest scholarship that is available in the life of the church today. This they shall continue to receive until they are finally perfected and distributed throughout the church. Evangelism is not, hear me, evangelism is not a lost word in the church's vocabulary, but an exciting new call to the church to care, to seek out, to find, to enlist, to challenge, to train and to nurture those who know not yet the full joy of following the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe, indeed we know, that there are new signs of life and renewal beginning to emerge and surface in the Sunday school and in the church school and in that movement all across this land. We call upon the church, indeed with a loud trumpet we call upon the church, to be a part—a creative and innovative part—of a new church school emphasis throughout all of United Methodism. Renewal, even revival, is possible in the church school movement; indeed, it is already beginning to happen. This, Mr. Chairman and friends of the Conference, is our answer to your mandate.

Melvin G. Talbert (Southern California-Arizona) moved that both reports, "GUIDELINES: The United Methodist Church and the Charismatic Movement" and "A Study of Membership

Trends in The United Methodist Church, 1949-1975," be received and referred by the Reference Committee to the appropriate legislative committees for necessary action and response. The motion of referral was adopted.

Mr. Talbert called attention to an additional report which had been distributed to delegates, entitled "A Report of the Study of Black Pastors and Churches in The United Methodist Church." Although it was not a part of the study just presented, *Mr. Talbert* suggested that it would be supplemental data that would be helpful and moved that it also be referred by the Reference Committee to an appropriate legislative committee. The Chair indicated that these items would be referred under the Rules of the Conference without the need for a vote by the Conference.

Procedural Motion

Joe Pevahouse (Memphis) moved that in future General Conferences all reports that have been printed and mailed to the delegates be referred directly to the proper legislative committees without verbal presentation. The Chair stated that this motion would have to be referred to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. Mr. Pevahouse spoke in support of the motion, and the Chair indicated that it was referred to the Committee.

Committee on Agenda

Douglas Verdin (New York), chairman of the Committee, informed the Conference that the matter of nominations for Judicial Council members would be on the next morning's agenda. He outlined the procedure to be followed and gave additional information about the Committee's plans for the remainder of the week.

Concluding Business

Miriam Isaacs (New York) made an announcement. Joe Pevahouse (Memphis) inquired as to the parliamentary status of his motion, inasmuch as the Conference had not voted referral of it. The Chair called for a vote, and the motion was referred to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

There were additional announcements by the Chair and by *J. B. Holt* (Secretary). Bishop Kearns expressed appreciation for the privilege of presiding and thanked Bishop L. Scott Allen and Bishop Ralph Alton for assisting him.

Bishop Eric Mitchell, Delhi Area, pronounced the benediction, and the session was adjourned.

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1976
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Paul W. Milhouse

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the third day, Thursday, April 29, 1976, at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, Oklahoma Area, presiding.

Devotional Service

The Organ Prelude was followed by the singing of the hymn, "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know." Deuteronomy 6:10-13 was read by the liturgist, *G. Ross Freeman* (South Georgia), followed by a prayer. Choral selections were presented by the Willamette University Choir, Salem, Oregon, Walter H. Farrier, Director. Bishop William R. Cannon, Atlanta Area, preached the devotional sermon, entitled "The Place of The United Methodist Church in the Total Christian Heritage" (see page 765).

Business Session

Bishop Milhouse called the business session to order, and *Carlton Young* led in the singing of a hymn.

Committee on Agenda

Willie B. Clay (Northern Illinois) presented the Committee report. He asked that the agenda as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* be adopted. The agenda was approved by vote of the Conference.

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Helen Fannings (Northern Illinois), chairwoman of the Committee, introduced the other officers and stated that the Committee was ready to consider requests from members of the Conference. She asked that W. Roland Walker (Virginia) be recognized for a matter of privilege at a time later in the morning session. The recommendation was approved by the Conference.

Committee on Presiding Officers

Jameson Jones (Rocky Mountain), chairman of the Committee, announced the selection of Bishop Joel McDavid, Florida Area, as presiding officer for the Friday morning session and Bishop L. Scott Allen, Holston Area, for the Saturday morning session.

Judicial Council Nominations

The Chair outlined the procedure that would be followed in placing names in nomination for membership on the Judicial Council and called on Bishop Ralph Alton for nominations from the Council of Bishops. Bishop Alton reported that the Council of Bishops, in accordance with Par. 1501, was nominating the following persons:

Ministers:.

Alvin J. Lindgren, North Central Jurisdiction
Richard Hamilton, North Central Jurisdiction
Paul A. Duffey, Southeastern Jurisdiction
G. Eliot Jones, Southeastern Jurisdiction
Robert L. Close, Northeastern Jurisdiction
Raymond Balcomb, Western Jurisdiction
William Persons, Western Jurisdiction
Gene E. Sease, Northeastern Jurisdiction
Clifford Trotter, South Central Jurisdiction

Lay persons:

Mrs. Kathryn Grove, Northeastern Jurisdiction
Walter Douglas, North Central Jurisdiction
James Dolliver, Western Jurisdiction
Paul Webb, Jr., Southeastern Jurisdiction
Thomas Reavley, South Central Jurisdiction
Julia Gibson, Liberia

The chair called for nominations from the floor. *Lyle Christianson* (Minnesota) nominated Leonard Slutz (West Ohio). *Lester L. Moore* (Iowa) nominated Paul V. Shearer (Iowa). *Richard W. Harrington* (Western New York) nominated Elizabeth B. Gundlach (Western New York). Balbino E. Gatdula, Jr. (Philippines) nominated Crisolito Pascual (Philippines). *Clare J. Hayes* (Kansas East) nominated John E. Stumbo (Kansas East). Sydney H. Atkinson (New York) nominated *Douglas F. Verdin* (New York). *Billy M. Starnes* (Tennessee) nominated *Roy C. Clark* (Tennessee). *John W. Russell* (Oklahoma) nominated *Wayne Coffin* (Oklahoma). *W. T. Handy, Jr.* (Louisiana) nominated *Charles B. Copher* (North Georgia). Oscar O. Garza, IV (Rio Grande) nominated *Daniel Garcia* (Rio Grande). Clarence M. Winchester (Western North Carolina) nominated *R. Herman Nicholson* (Western North Carolina). John J. Thomas (South Indiana) nominated Basil Lorch, Jr. (South Indiana).

Rodolfo C. Beltran (Middle Philippines) moved to close the nominations, but the Chair ruled that the motion was not in order.

Gregorio R. Bailen (Northwest Philippines) nominated Rodolfo Beltran (Philippines). Barbara Thompson (Baltimore) nominated Susan Spruce (Southwest Texas). There being no further nominations, the Chair declared the nominations closed.

Helen Fannings (Northern Illinois) gave instructions regarding the biographical sketches which were to be given to the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges for each nominee. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) moved that a time for the election of Judicial Council members be set as a part of the agenda for the Saturday morning session. The motion was adopted.

Update on Doctrinal Statement

The Chair recognized Bishop William R. Cannon, Atlanta Area, for presentation of the report.

Bishop Cannon: The last General Conference set up a special commission to edit documents relative to our Methodist Theology and History, and that was done and it is in three parts.

The first part deals with our ecumenical heritage. We have doctrines that we hold in common with the other major denominations of Christians, and these are far more numerous and more important than any other, and we fail to see that unless we look at some of these documents, and they are in the book together with a brief statement putting them in context.

The next section deals with our own heritage: Evangelical United Brethren heritage, the Methodist heritage, the Wesleyan heritage. Because we are a denomination and what caused us to be what we are, and these have been arranged and explained. Then the last section, I don't know whether you will like it or not, it is an innovation, but we feel that theology is not a dead issue. It is something that goes on all the time, and we are urged as the guidelines stated from the original doctrinal Commission to continue to think theologically, and so we have given some contemporary documents and patterns of worship, and also urge the congregations to think about these.

Now the Council of Bishops will promote this as a special study. Bishop Roy Nichols and his teaching section of the Council of Bishops has already brought in that recommendation, and it was adopted by the Council. And if you could urge it to be done, too, it would help a lot. I know it would cheer Ewart Watts' heart and Harold Fair. We are indebted to Harold Fair as the staff person who succeeded David Randolph in this work, and prepared it very carefully so that it can be used in the churches. And this is under the general direction of Dr. Ewart Watts, so Dr. Watts and Dr. Fair will lift the book before you. That's our work; it doesn't need to be referred anywhere, it's over, finished, completed! And, that's it, they'll show the book. Thank you very much.

Ewart G. Watts (Editor, Church School Publications): The Section on Curriculum Resources and United Methodist Publishing House have certainly been glad to work with Council of Bishops in the editing and publishing of this important book entitled *God's Action: Our Affirmation.* We do believe that our established channels for getting study materials into local churches is the best way to reach the largest number of individual church members.

For instance, the other book commissioned by the 1972 General Conference, *The Holy Spirit And Christian Experience,* by Bishop Mack Stokes, has already

sold 110,000 copies. We feel sure that this second church-wide study book will also touch the lives of thousands in our local churches and even beyond. I think I should say that we look forward to similar assignments from the General Conference in the future as they seek to involve local church members in important studies. I believe I should also mention that we have followed your directive in preparing study guides for the Doctrinal Statement and also for the Social Principles Statement, which you instructed us to do at your last session, and we had a good response on all of these. We thank you for this opportunity and look forward to serving you in other ways in the future. Thank you.

Presentation of Special Gavel

The Chair recognized Bishop W. Ralph Ward, New York Area, for a presentation.

Bishop Ward: Bishop Milhouse, members of General Conference and guests, I would like to ask Bishop Kenneth Goodson to come and join us here at the desk for just a moment. He may not be able to walk back alone but I think he can make it down here alone. Dear friends, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to stand here for a moment in this time that has been granted to us by the Committee on Courtesies as members of the Council of Bishops to share with you the passing of the gavel from one administrative moment in this Council to another.

First, just a word about the Council of Bishops would be appropriate to say here. And that is, that it has a disciplinary and functional role in the life of the church which we try to fulfill with a sense of responsibility, and also out of the feeling of expectancies which you have for your episcopal leaders across the church. It is also fair for us to say that in the Council of Bishops there is not only this traditional well-established functional and disciplinary role which we have, but also the Council of Bishops has something of family relationship for us who are in the episcopacy.

For in the Council, we are able to share together our anxieties, and our joys and our hopes. And there is a rich feeling of family fellowship there. With our spouses, we are able to have moments of rich fellowship and worship and prayer as well as real humor, genuine life together. For this we are grateful to the church which makes this possible for us and to each one of you.

We in the Council of Bishops who have the presiding role for a brief period of time realize that the great work of the Council is carried on under the able administration and leadership of the secretary. And I, along with other Bishops, want to express here publicly the deep regard that we have for the support and stewardship that our secretary, Bishop Ralph Alton, extends and gives to us constantly as we do our work. We are grateful for this and could not function at all without him. I might just say that in the Council of Bishops, contrary to what you might think out there, there is a very informal process that goes forward in the Council of Bishops. We are very permissive and very open. It's a bit hard at times to bring things back together again but once in a while we can get a few things done.

We have in the Council a rich way of letting everyone speak his own mind about as long as he wants to, and you can imagine for that reason once in a while it takes a bit longer to get some things done than ordinarily we would like to do. But this says something about the leveling peership and the feeling of love and affection which exists between the Bishops and the church as they meet in the activities and in the services of the Council.

I want to thank my colleagues for their gracious support and encouragement over this recent year. I was more surprised than anyone else to be elected. But I was never so much surprised at the good will and support that I have been given

throughout all these months, and in this period of time in which I have had this opportunity of leadership. And now it is my very great privilege to turn over to my duly elected successor, this office of the president of the Council of Bishops for the period which lies just ahead. Somewhere, Bishop Goodson, on the Richter scale this ladder of being the president of the Council of Bishops stands in reputation somewhere between the excitement of being Miss America and the anxiety of being Pope for a day.

But I here now have the privilege to present to you, Sir, the gavel which is the symbol of the administrative role of your office. And if you will permit me to extend to you this cross which I have had the privilege of wearing as given to me when I came to this office, you may or may not choose to wear over a long period of time. But certainly now out of my own heart and affection for you, Sir, I give this to you. This Bishop will preside over this Conference with dignity, with humor and with a zeal for the warm heart which will encourage us and lead us all to greater things in our United Methodism. God bless you again.

Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Richmond Area, expressed appreciation to the members of the Council of Bishops for the honor accorded in selecting him as the new president of the Council. Noting that Bishop Ralph Alton had asked to be relieved of his responsibilities as Secretary of the Council, he asked that the Conference recognize his service in that office. Bishop Alton was accorded a standing ovation by the Conference.

Bishop Goodson also presented the new Secretary of the Council, Bishop James K. Mathews, Washington Area, and the new President-Designate, Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, Oklahoma Area.

W. Roland Walker (Virginia): Bishop Milhouse, members of the Conference, I would like to make a statement for the Virginia Conference delegation, to say to you that this is a moment of genuine pride for the United Methodists of the Virginia Conference. Bishop and Mrs. Goodson have been in Virginia for a short four years, but yet through that period of time they have won the deep love and affection of almost 400,000 United Methodists in our conference. We have been inspired and blessed by their lives among us, their ministry has been characterized by pastoral passion and Christian servanthood. When Bishop Goodson came to Virginia, he hit the ground running and he hasn't stopped running. He continues to go constantly to all of the 18 districts of our conference. He has visited many times in the smallest churches on the circuit and to the largest urban parishes. Their faithfulness was recognized at our last Annual Conference in his being given the Circuit Rider of the Year Award for it. He has been truly out among us and we are thankful. Bishop Goodson has been that which we believe a bishop ought to be, the chief teaching and witnessing elder, embodying in himself the nature and mission of the church as a servant of God and persons in our midst. For this we thank God and we thank The United Methodist Church. We congratulate the bishops of our church for their deep perception and good judgment in electing Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson as President of the Council of Bishops. Thank you.

Richard S. Parker (New York), on behalf of the New York Conference delegation, asked delegates to join in expressing appreciation for the service rendered the whole church by Bishop

Ward during his tenure as president of the Council of Bishops. Vivian P. Overton (New York) stated that, as a lay delegate, she wished to affirm *Mr. Parker's* statement. She also asked that the greetings of the Conference be sent to Bishop and Mrs. Lloyd C. Wicke, who had been detained by a small accident to Mrs. Wicke on their way to the Conference.

Announcements

J. B. Holt (Secretary), Bishop Ralph Alton, and *Charles White* (Assistant Secretary) made announcements.

Hector Navas (Florida) expressed appreciation on behalf of the Hispanic Caucus and Hispanic delegates for the Spanish language hymnals which had been provided. He asked that any delegates not wishing to keep their Spanish hymnals turn them in as a gift to the Methodist Church of Mexico and announced that the Louisiana Conference had offered to defray the expenses of transporting the hymnals to Mexico.

Oscar Garza, IV (Rio Grande), as a matter of high privilege, asked the Conference to show its support of voting rights for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference by standing.

Lloyd K. Wake (California-Nevada) made an announcement.

Motion to Suspend Rules

William O. Walker (Oregon-Idaho) moved to suspend the rules to allow an immediate vote on the question of voting rights for delegates from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) noted that there was a proposed constitutional amendment dealing with this under consideration by a legislative committee. The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Adjournment

Willie B. Clay (Northern Illinois) moved that, in accordance with the agenda, the plenary session be adjourned to legislative committee meetings. The motion was adopted.

FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1976
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Joel B. McDavid

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the fourth day, Friday, April 30, 1976, at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Joel B. McDavid, Florida Area, presiding.

Devotional Service

Following the Organ Prelude, the hymn "And Are We Yet Alive" was sung. The Conference joined in a Collect from *The Doctrines and Discipline of The Methodist Episcopal Church*, 1813, p. 108. Choral selections were presented by "The Second Touch," First United Methodist Church, Boise, Idaho, Wayne Richmond, Director. Bishop Don W. Holter, Nebraska Area, brought the devotional sermon, "Publish Your Message in the Open Face of the Sun" (see page 770). The service was concluded with the singing of "A Charge To Keep, I Have," followed by the benediction.

Committee on Agenda

After an announcement by *J. B. Holt* (Secretary), Yvonne Ferris (Nebraska) reported for the Committee on Agenda. She moved the adoption of the agenda as printed, and it was approved. She outlined the agenda for the Saturday morning session as planned by the Committee.

Matter of Privilege

Sydney Atkinson (New York) referred to the fact that the biographical sketch of Judicial Council nominee *Douglas Verdin* (New York) did not appear in today's *Daily Christian Advocate* and moved that the sketch be printed in the Saturday issue, in order that it could be voted on along with the others at the Saturday morning session. Roger Burgess (Editor, *Daily Christian Advocate)* stated that there were others which had not reached the *Daily Christian Advocate* in time for this edition, and that they were working with the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges to try to get the remaining sketches printed in the Saturday edition.

Gloster Current (New York) moved that, in view of the omissions and the great importance of the election, the balloting

be postponed until Monday. Helen Fannings (Northern Illinois) reported that the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges had made every attempt to secure all of the sketches in time to be printed, but that if there were some which had been overlooked, the Committee apologized and would be happy to work with those who had been omitted.

Thomas L. Cromwell (East Ohio) opposed the motion to delay the balloting until Monday. Mr. Current's motion to delay was put to a vote and was defeated.

The Chair inquired of Mr. Atkinson whether it was the intent of his motion that the rules be suspended in order to permit the balloting to begin on Saturday, and Mr. Atkinson stated that it was. *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin) objected that it was unfair to proceed with the election as scheduled in view of the fact that some of the sketches, even though they had been submitted on time, were not printed in today's *Daily Christian Advocate.* Roger Burgess clarified his earlier statement, stating that in the case of *Alvin Lindgren*, the sketch had been submitted on time but was inadvertently omitted from the printing.

The motion to suspend the rules in order for the balloting to begin on Saturday as scheduled was adopted.

Recognition of Seminarians

Gordon G. Thompson (North Georgia) called attention to the fact that a large group of seminarians was visiting the General Conference. He said that it was his wish that representatives of the seminarians could be seated with voice in the Conference, but that he had been informed by the presiding officer and the parliamentarian that this was not possible. He asked that the Conference recognize their presence by asking them to stand and greet them with applause, and it was done.

Matter of Privilege

Irving A. Marsland, Jr. (New York) rose to a point of privilege for the purpose of presenting a resolution.

Mr. Marsland: "Recognizing the need for a constitutional amendment to give permanent voting rights to the officially elected delegates of the Indian Missionary Conference, we hereby affirm our support of and solidarity with their expressed desire for recognition in this Conference and look forward to the constitutional action that will make them fully participating members of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church." I move its adoption.

The Chair ruled that, since this matter was being considered by a legislative committee, it would not be in order for the Conference to act on the resolution at this time but only to refer it to the Committee.

Parliamentary Inquiry

William W. Reid, Jr. (Wyoming) asked for clarification on the Chair's explanation of the earlier vote on the scheduling of the Judicial Council elections. He stated that he had understood the vote to be in favor of a delay until Monday. The Chair explained that it was his understanding that the vote was to proceed with the elections on Saturday. Sensing the agreement of the Conference, the Chair affirmed the earlier ruling that the Conference had voted to suspend the rules in order to permit the election to begin on Saturday, even though some of the biographical sketches would not be published until Saturday morning.

Announcements

Announcements were made by *Ewing T. Wayland* (Council on Finance and Administration) and *J. B. Holt* (Secretary).

Legislative Committee Session

In accordance with the agenda, the plenary session was adjourned in favor of legislative committee sessions until the time set for an Order of the Day.

Presentation of Fraternal Delegates

Bishop McDavid reconvened the morning plenary session of the Conference at 11:30 a.m. and recognized *Paul A. Duffey* (Alabama-West Florida), chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Delegates. *Carlton Young* led in the singing of the hymn, "In Christ There Is No East or West."

Mr. Duffey introduced *Alfred L. Norris* (Louisiana), vice-chairman of the Committee, who, in turn introduced *Irving L. Smith*, chairman of the Subcommittee on Fraternal Delegates of the Commission on the General Conference. *Mr. Smith* introduced the fraternal delegates to the Conference as follows:

Phillip R. Cousin, Durham, North Carolina, African Methodist Episcopal Church

K. Melvin Taylor, Los Angeles, California, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Zion

Robert G. Torbet, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, American Baptist Church

Bishop James W. Malone, Youngstown, Ohio, Roman Catholic Church

Bishop Norris S. Curry, Los Angeles, California, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Richard Spangler, Portland, Oregon, Christian Church (Disciples)

Mrs. Jean Jackson, Lake Oswego, Oregon, Episcopal Church
A. G. Fjellman, Seattle, Washington, Lutheran Church in America
Clarence J. Davis, Jr., Santa Monica, California, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.
Claire Randall, New York, New York, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
Lawrence Bottoms, Atlanta, Georgia, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Dorothy Kissinger, Mesa, Arizona, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Ruben H. Huennemann, Portland, Oregon, United Church of Christ
Bishop Percival R. Henkelman, Downey, California, Moravian Church in America

Mr. Smith reported that two fraternal delegates had been scheduled to be present for this session but were unable to do so: Father Anthony Scott, Portland, Oregon, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, and Dr. Gene Garrison, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Southern Baptist Convention. He explained that Dr. Garrison had been scheduled to address the Conference on behalf of the fraternal delegates, but that his plane had been grounded. *Mr. Smith* presented Bishop Percival R. Henkelman, who had agreed to speak in his stead.

Bishop Henkelman: Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests and members of the assembly, as a young pastor I was officiating at a marriage ceremony some years ago when the groom seemed inordinately nervous. He stood on one foot for a while and then the other, and he seemed to be searching for something, and I asked if somehow I could help. He said, "No, no, I am just fine," but he was still nervous. So I said, "There must be something wrong, have you lost something?" and he said, "Yes, Pastor, I think I have lost my enthusiasm."

My observation leads me to proclaim that The Methodist Church—The United Methodist Church—has not lost its enthusiasm. When I accepted this invitation, I was profoundly moved and I wrote that I have a profound respect for The United Methodist Church. This is confirmed when I see all of you struggling sincerely with the issues, the important issues, the serious issues of our day. It is confirmed when I meet weekly at a leadership forum of the Ecumenical Institute with colleagues of The Methodist Church in the Downey United Methodist Church. It is confirmed when I see you struggling to be a global church and dealing with the global issues of the world. It is confirmed when I see the Claremont Seminary from which my son is to graduate in May, I see them doing a great work, a great tradition, spiritual training, academic training.

When I learned I was to speak this morning, and I only learned it a little while ago, I was again greatly moved. I think I felt a little like Peter Boehler would have felt if he knew that Wesley was in his audience that great day. My wife who attended the Baptist Seminary here in Portland, Ore., during World War II, and whom I met here, would say, I am sure, that it had something to do with the grounding of the plane of the Baptist delegate so he could not speak here today.

Seriously it is a great privilege, an awesome privilege to represent all of the

traditions here and the ecumenical representatives here on the platform. As Moravians, we are reminded of the influence that we had on the Methodists, but somehow the student has far surpassed the teacher, and as you know, you have a great responsibility—"to whom much is given, of him much shall be required."

And so we stand with you as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, in a time when I sincerely believe there is a new consciousness, a new resurgence in the lives of people. In February I spent a week with the brother of Bishop Mathews in a consultation in the Marshall Islands. Again I was moved by the universal work of the Church of Jesus Christ and the task of the Church to be those who care. A fine young Marshallese by the name of Jiba Kabooa reminded me that Americans have a great responsibility in the Christian work.

We cannot fail these gentle people. We dare not fail in our leadership responsibilities around the world. We congratulate you. We love you and we look to a great communion to lead in these days in which we serve Christ our common Lord.

Mr. Smith thanked Bishop Henkelman for his willingness to substitute for Dr. Garrison.

Delegates from Outside the United States

Alfred Norris called on *Lawrence R. Taylor* (West Michigan) for the presentation of delegates from outside the United States. *Mr. Taylor* explained that the General Council on Ministries was charged with the responsibility of orienting delegates from lands outside the United States in the procedures of the General Conference. He introduced those who, along with him, were members of the committee responsible for this: Merritt Clymer (East Ohio), *John Montgomery* (Missouri East), Martha Ragsdale (Holston), Mary Good (Detroit), *Hermann Sticher* (South Germany). He expressed appreciation to the General Board of Global Ministries, the Commission on the General Conference, and the local Entertainment Committee chaired by Elizabeth Watson for their assistance and work.

Bishop Ralph T. Alton explained that among the delegates from outside the United States were persons representing Affiliated Autonomous Churches. He presented those who were heads of their Affiliated Autonomous Churches and who were at the Conference either as delegates or as visitors:

Oscar Bolioli, Uruguay
Bishop B. A. Carew, Sierra Leone
Bishop Theodore Doraisamy, Malaysia-Singapore
Bishop Carlos Gattinoni, Argentina
Bishop J. Gultom, Indonesia
Bishop Chang Hee Kim, Korea
Lincoln Leung, Hong Kong
Daniel Liu, Republic of China
Andrew Pieters, Protestant Church of Belgium
Noe Feliz Roman, Dominican Republic

Bishop Alejandro Ruiz, Mexico
Bishop Juan Vasquez, Chile

Bishop Alton: May I say to all of you that the Council of Bishops appreciates our relationship with you because, as we have visited the areas of the Church which you head, we have appreciated your courtesies to us and the sense of fellowship you have extended to us as we have met with your people and learned something of your ministry where you are. As a return gesture the Council of Bishops is to entertain these who are the heads of these autonomous churches with a dinner this evening, and I am asked by the Council of Bishops to say to all of you that at any time when you would not prefer to sit with your delegation where you are, we would be glad to have you join us on the platform at seats up here. I can tell you that really, if most of us who are members of the Council had our choices, we would rather be with the delegations on the floor; but we want you to know that we extend to you this opportunity for fellowship with us and participation with us in the affairs of this Conference. We greet you in this way in fellowship with us in the leadership of the Church.

Mr. Taylor asked that all of those who were delegates from lands outside the United States stand and receive the greeting of the Conference, and it was done.

Methodist Church of Great Britain

Alfred Norris (Louisiana) presented the delegates from the Methodist Church of Great Britain, and introduced *John Stacey* to bring greetings to the Conference on their behalf.

Mr. Stacey: Mr. Chairman and delegates, I bring to you the very warmest greetings from the British Methodist Conference. It is a great privilege for us to be here. Two days ago I was out in the concourse, and was engaged in conversation by one of the delegates. When he discovered that I came from London, England, he said, "It's good to have Mother here." I thought in view of your recent union he might have said "grandmother." And only yesterday I dutifully attended my legislative committee and discovered that the proceedings started with a roll call. Our names were duly called out, and we responded "here," and a check was put against our name if we were present.

And I leaned across and said to the gentleman sitting next to me, "Excuse me, but what is this for? What's he going to do with that list?" And he said to me with a twinkle in his eye, "These transcultural questions throw me!" (laughter) Here we are, Mr. Chairman, representing "Mother," and bridging the cultures. And it is a great privilege so to do.

We are, of course, learning there are many things you do in your Conference that you do better than we do them, and just one or two things that perhaps we do a little better than you. Certainly, this whole enterprise is a very enriching experience for us and if I may say so, not least among them is the joy of hearing here again and again, the prophetic voice, the voice that includes the cry for peace and justice as part of the totality of the Gospel. We are most grateful to you, Mr. Chairman and delegates, for accepting us and for welcoming us here as your colleagues and as your friends. We are very grateful for the opportunity to come.

Mr. Norris asked that the other two delegates present from the Methodist Church of Great Britain, *Blanche M. Baker* and

Jennifer Norgate, stand and be recognized, and they were greeted with applause by the Conference.

Wesley's Chapel Appeal

The Chair recognized John R. Harper, treasurer of the World Methodist Council.

Mr. Harper: Bishop McDavid, acting on behalf of all United Methodists, it has been my privilege as treasurer of the World Methodist Council to forward to the restoration work of the Wesley Chapel in London, the sum of $300,000. To this will be added, perhaps another $25,000 or $35,000 received by the Chapel by many tour groups and by reason of direct contributions from members of The United Methodist Church. The largest contribution outside The United Methodist Church comes from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church of which Bishop Norris Curry is presiding bishop and is present here as a fraternal delegate. Their gift of $10,000 matches a similar gift from the United Church of Canada and has given us much encouragement. In February of this year I along with other leaders of the World Methodist Council visited this sacred spot on City Road and observed at first hand all that is entailed making this church safe to again be seen and used by Methodists throughout the world. We hope to have later in the week in the *Daily Christian Advocate* a list of the fair share goals and a report on the amounts reported by conferences as of April 15, 1976. As has been said we will be the poorer if we do not contribute our fair share to keep this historic church of our early heritage. We appreciate so very much the leadership given this project by our Council of Bishops and the assurance by so many of their plans to give their people an opportunity to share in this program on Heritage Sunday.

Mr. Harper presented *John Stacey* (Great Britain) and Bishop William R. Cannon, Atlanta Area, for statements regarding the appeal in behalf of Wesley's Chapel.

Mr. Stacey: Mr. Chairman, I simply wish to say thank you for what seems to us to be already a quite magnificent response to the appeal of Wesley's Chapel and House. As a matter of fact, I think the trustees and the congregation of Wesley's Chapel have virtually set themselves up in opposition to the entire population of the United Kingdom in praying fervently that the exchange rate will sink lower and lower and lower. However, perhaps I should very briefly indicate the lines along which the debate is proceeding, for there is a debate in our country. It is, as you might suspect, a polarization on the issue of people or buildings. To use the British terms, between Christian Aid and Oxfam and war on want and social agencies on the one hand, and Wesley's Chapel, City Road, on the other. Now, wherever a choice has to be made, clearly we must as Christians always choose people instead of buildings, and it is not true that we want one English pound or one American dollar for Wesley's Chapel, City Road, which could and would have been spent on the hungry and the homeless. But we say to all people, this is not really the choice. The pounds that we want are not the pounds that would go to the needy and the hungry, but the pounds that would have gone to the extra television sets or the second motorcar, and it is on that basis that so far we have done tolerably well in our appeal in our own country. Now, I simply want to say to you, Mr. Chairman and delegates, how very grateful we are for the generosity of your great Church towards the preservation of this particular and very important piece of our Methodist heritage. Thank you very much indeed.

Bishop Cannon made an additional statement urging The United Methodist Church to meet and exceed its goal of $875,000 for this cause.

Statement by *Discipline* Editor

Emory S. Bucke (Book Editor, United Methodist Publishing House) made a statement asking that legislative committees observe the distinction between legislation, which is for inclusion in the *Book of Discipline*, and resolutions. He also stressed that committee reports containing amendments to the *Discipline* must cite the number of the paragraph to be amended.

Closing

J. B. Holt (Secretary) made announcements. Bishop McDavid expressed his thanks to Bishop Alton for assisting him as parliamentarian. *Carlton Young* led in the singing of the hymn "Dios de Amor y Dios de Gloria" from the Spanish hymnal. Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, led the Conference in a closing prayer, and the session was adjourned.

FIFTH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1976
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop L. Scott Allen

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the fifth day, Saturday, May 1, 1976, at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop L. Scott Allen, Holston Area, presiding.

Devotional Service

Following the Organ Prelude, the Conference joined in singing the hymn, "March On, O Soul, With Strength." Three choral selections were presented by The Youth Choir, Bellaire United Methodist Church, Bellaire, Texas, under the direction of Earle B. Lowder. Two passages of Scripture were read, Matthew 28:19-20 and Luke 24:47-49, followed by a prayer. The devotional sermon, entitled "Go Therefore . . . To All the Nations," was preached by Bishop Ole E. Borgen, Northern Europe Area (see page 778). The Conference then sang the hymn, "Talk With Us, Lord," and Bishop Borgen pronounced the benediction.

Business Session—Matter of Privilege

Bishop Allen called the business session to order. *George W. Martin* (Little Rock), as a matter of privilege, reported that *Virgil D. Keeley* (Little Rock) had been hospitalized and requested that members of the Conference remember Mrs. Keeley and Dr. Keeley in their thoughts and prayers. It was ordered by action of the Conference.

Committee on Agenda

E. Russell Praetorius (Minnesota) reported for the committee and moved that the agenda as printed be adopted. The agenda was adopted by action of the Conference. *Mr. Praetorius* further reported that the Committee on Agenda would recommend no further time for legislative committee meetings after today, and that beginning Monday all of the time would be spent in plenary sessions, with the bulk of the time being devoted to calendar items.

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Donald D. Fenner (Wisconsin), vice-chairman of the committee, presented the report. He presented Bishop Paul Granadosin, Philippines Area, for a statement of greeting.

Bishop Granadosin: Much has been said in retrospect about the burning passion for justice and liberty that compelled your great men and women, sung and unsung, to unselfishly sacrifice the best that they had for the very lofty and noble ideals that inspired men's hearts everywhere. The commitments of your dedicated citizenry to join in a unified effort to forge a great nation, based on individual freedom, truth, righteousness, and a trust in God, is worthy of emulation. And 200 years of industrial, economic, social and political growth have proclaimed to the world that courage, determination and love for all that is best can bring about great things for more people.

Above all, God has indeed blessed your land, and this blessing has been shared with other nations across the globe. God has certainly shed his grace on America, the land of the free and the home of the brave. Again, congratulations to the United States of America and to all freedom-loving Americans. May you continue to be that power and influence God has called you to be in this day and age. I thank you.

Mr. Fenner then presented William Veale of the New Haven *Register* for a statement on behalf of representatives of the news media who were covering the Conference. Mr. Veale expressed appreciation for the many services and resources made available by United Methodist Communications to persons covering the Conference.

Address—Phillip A. Potter, General Secretary, World Council of Churches

Mr. Fenner presented Bishop James K. Mathews, Washington Area, for the purpose of introducing Dr. Potter.

Bishop Mathews: Mr. Chairman, sisters and brothers of the General Conference, as president of the Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns of the Board of Global Ministries and as a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches it is my responsibility and privilege to present to you the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. The United Methodist Church is very much a part of the World Council. To mention only one Methodist layperson, John R. Mott, as we know, was one of its principal architects. And among the members of its presidium during the years are a number of Wesleyans, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. Sarah Chakko, Dr. Charles Parlin, Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, Daniel T. Niles; and at present, Dr. Migues Bonino of Argentina.

Our church is fully represented on its governing bodies and its many committees. Now we know the World Council of Churches is not without its critics. But I remind you that it is the kind of organization that, if it did not exist today, would need to be established tomorrow, for through it a half-million Christians of nearly every nation from three hundred denominations reach out in witness and service to the whole world.

Now there is a much maligned and misrepresented fund to combat racism. Far from being used to arm belligerent peoples, it has been used as a mission of mercy to the most sorely oppressed of the earth. While the Viet Nam conflict was going on, for fifteen years in Africa a war raged. Most of us had never heard of it. Half a million people, many of them our Christian brothers and sisters, lost their lives in that conflict. But due to the credibility that the World Council of Churches, aided by our Church and others, gained through its fund to combat racism, two secretaries of the World Council of Churches were finally called to arbitrate that

conflict to a peaceful conclusion. Now you cannot buy that kind of influence and acceptability in the market place, for it is not for sale. It is available free, but we are willing to be obedient servants to our Lord Jesus Christ. But this is a small part of the activities of the World Council of Churches through its three units of faith and witness, justice and service, education and renewal.

Phillip Potter is one of us. He is a minister of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas, to which denomination we afforded a concordat relationship the other day. But he belongs to the whole Church, and he is a representative of the third world as we say, but he belongs to the whole world, to the entire oikumene. Indeed he grew up with the ecumenical movement, was a youth leader at Amsterdam in 1948; the director, following that, of the Youth Department of the World Council; a student leader in the British Student Christian movement, and president of the World Student Christian Federation.

He followed there in the steps of Niles and John R. Mott, and for five years as Missionary Secretary with the Methodist Missionary Society of London for West Africa and the West Indies, for five years Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, a Director of its Commission on World Mission and Evangelism. And since 1972, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. He guided us through the Fifth Assembly recently in Nairobi, put it on a mature and balanced course. I only regret that his good wife is not with us, she is a lovely lady, and one of the sweet singers of Israel. But it is an honor, I think, for the General Conference to stand to greet, to meet, and to hear Dr. Phillip A. Potter, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

Phillip A. Potter (General Secretary, World Council of Churches): Dear Bishop, dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I am very deeply grateful to my friend, Bishop Mathews, for his kind words of introduction. It is indeed a privilege and honor for me to be permitted to speak to this great gathering of United Methodists. I believe this is the first time the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches has had this privilege.

I have often heard of this great and unique gathering by the hearing of the ear, but now my eyes see it. I remember, when I was a young student in Jamaica, going to a village where in the mountains, one lady saying, "You know, you know, parson, we Methodists, we are clannish." There is indeed an element of the clannishness of Methodism in the sense of belonging to one another, and I feel that I can say that now because of the action you took in a covenant relationship with my own church in the Caribbean.

This is an opportunity for me to bring warm greetings in Christ to you on behalf of the 285 other member churches of the World Council of Churches and of over 500 million Christians all over the world. The United Methodist Church is a treasured and integral part of this fellowship of churches. Moreover our fellowship is now even wider because since 1965 there has been a close relationship with the Roman Catholic Church through a joint working group. Tomorrow I, myself, have to fly straight over to Rome for the cabinet meeting of this joint working group, where we shall be thinking together of how the Roman Catholic churches and the other churches can work together to witness to the Lord Jesus Christ in the next few years.

Bishop Mathews has already spoken to the contribution of Methodists and I want to emphasize this—this contribution in drawing together God's scattered people in process of being renewed for His purpose of uniting all persons in all things in Christ. You have heard of John R. Mott who in 1910 led that first ecumenical World Conference on the theme of Evangelization of the World in this Generation. It was he who was the father of the International Missionary Council and of the World Student Christian Federation with its motto—"All may be one that the world may believe." You have heard of the leadership of bishops like Bishop Bromley Oxnam, one of the first presidents, and several other bishops,

and I want to mention here Bishop Mueller, who for many years was the president of the World Council of Christian Education which has now become integrated into the World Council of Churches. And of course Bishop Mathews and Bishop Roy Nichols have most recently been giving very yeoman leadership to the Council.

Many Methodists have played and continue to play significant roles in the life of the World Council of Churches. In fact, one of the complaints made by people of other confessions is that there are too many Methodists around. This is natural because Methodism was conceived as an ecumenical body and is always true to its heritage when it is ecumenical, that is to say, when it is considered concerned about all the peoples of the world and in the fellowship of the whole pilgrim people of God.

I remind you that as early as 1739, just a few months after his heart-warming experience, John Wesley said these words, "I look upon all the world as my parish. Thus far I mean that in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right and my bounden duty to declare unto all who are willing to hear the glad tidings of salvation. This is the work which I know God has called me to, and sure I am that his blessing attends it. Great encouragement have I therefore to be faithful in fulfilling the work he has given me to do. His servant I am and as such am employed according to the plain direction of His Word as I have opportunity of doing good to all men."

His brother, Charles, helped us to sing, "Thy undistinguishing regard was constant, Adam's fallen race, For all thou hast in Christ prepared sufficient sovereign saving grace. Help us thy mercy to extol, immense, unfathomed, unconfined, to praise the Lamb who died for all, the general Savior of mankind.

And, we just heard in our meditation how Wesley again in that same year, 1739, right at the beginning of his long ministry, wrote in the Preface to *The Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems*, "The Gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social, no holiness but social holiness." Faith working by love is the length and breadth and depth and height of Christian perfection. My Father works hitherto and I work and at all possible opportunities he is, like his Master, going about doing good.

So Methodism has always held these two together, proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation and doing good to all men. That is, indeed, its ecumenical heritage. And Wesley did this up and down the land in every sphere of life of people. And I am proud to say that the very last words that Wesley put pen to paper, very, very soon before his death, was a letter protesting to Wilberforce against the dreadful institution of slavery. And within two days of writing that letter he died with the word you have here: "And best of all is, God is with us."

And so his understanding of Emmanuel, God with us, was the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh and blood of our life to take upon himself, taking the form of the slave, that he might redeem us totally as human beings. And he is with us as we go on, not only baptizing people, but also teaching them what he taught us to do, to give our lives for the sake of others. That is the whole understanding of Methodism, and I would say that is the understanding of the ecumenical movement.

But Wesley never conceived of these tasks as being for Methodists only; he cooperated with all who shared a common commitment to Christ and a concern for all mankind. And he counted numerous friends and helpers from other communions—even Roman Catholics. It was to a Roman Catholic that he said, "If thy heart is as my heart, give me thy hand." And he would say of Methodists that they were friends of all and enemies of none. Therefore, from the very beginning, Methodism was conceived as part of the Church catholic, the Church entrusted with the wholeness of the Gospel for the whole world.

Wesley would have subscribed to the statement made in meetings of the World

Council of Churches, "The whole Church with the whole Gospel to the whole person in the whole world." This is the spirit of the prophetic, statesmanlike, evangelical, and moving address of the bishops presented here by Bishop Thomas earlier this week. This address says very rightly, "To be the Church in the world, we must be ecumenical in our outlook and worldwide in our perspective." But I see no reference in that great address of the bishops to the ecumenical involvement of The United Methodist Church, both in terms of what it contributes to it and what it receives from it. This is all the more striking since we have just had the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches under the theme, "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites," and The United Methodist Church was very strongly represented.

I would, therefore, like to indicate ways in which the World Council of Churches and its member churches and associate councils of churches are deeply caught up in God's mission and ministry in the world today. And I want to do that under three heads, which represent the three program units of the World Council of Churches.

First of all, we are committed to unity and witness, and in the last years we have produced as a World Council of Churches—which means a fellowship of churches around the world—a considerable amount of writing and thinking on what is salvation today. On giving an account of the hope that is in us, and of the assembly on confessing Christ today, which is the heart of the words we speak in evangelism. We have done in this country, and other countries, a great deal of work on the missionary structure of the congregation, and there is a very worthwhile book used in many places on the church for others. We produce a monthly letter on evangelism.

We have had conversations with evangelicals, and 60 percent of those who attended the Lausanne Conference in 1974 came from member churches of the World Council of Churches. In October, 1974, I was the first non-Roman Catholic to speak to the Roman Catholic Conference of Bishops, and I spoke on the theme "The Evangelization of the World Today." We are involved in urban and industrial missions, and there are over 2,000 projects all over the world in which Methodists are involved. We have a program on rural missions. Many of these tasks have been under the guidance of a committee led by Tracey Jones, one of your own.

We are concerned, too, for the churches found in different cultures, because we recognize that the voice with which people have to respond to the voice of Christ cannot be a borrowed voice. It has to be the voice of their own culture; hence, we understand your work on minority churches and different cultural groups and we have done a great deal in that field.

We are concerned about the unity of the church and the unity of mankind, for conciliar fellowship, the ways in which the churches can become unitable through being open to one another, being corrected by one another and receiving from one another. And this is what we are doing in relation to the world confessional families, including the World Methodist Council. And in the next ten days there will be a meeting of all these world confessional families in London concerned with that. We have produced, with Roman Catholic scholars, Orthodox, Protestants, a book which we have sent to all the member churches including The United Methodist Church on baptism, eucharist and a mutually accepted ministry, and we have asked for the judgment of these churches by the end of this year. We are involved in many parts of the world in dialogue with people of living faiths, seeking through this dialogue this interchange of life with life at the depths, in the deepest convictions of faith, sharing our faith with one another as we seek community in the world where men and women are crying out for fullness of life, meaning, and justice.

We are involved through our church and society in such studies as the future of

humanity, in the technological and the science-based society, with the help of top scholars of our time—scientists, technologists and theologians—and we are concerned about a just and sustainable society. In all these things evangelism is seen here as the word through the church, in the world, a church which is being renewed and uniting for proclaiming that glad tidings of salvation in word and in deed.

Through a program unit in justice and service we are working precisely along the lines of the Bishops' Call for Peace and Self-development of Peoples. You are going to give a great deal of attention as you have been doing it in the last year or two on human hungers. The hungers for food, for knowledge, for meaning, for community, salvation, love and justice. Indeed, in the same spirit as the Pope used in his encyclical on the development of peoples when he spoke about the development of peoples and of the whole person. Or as the Prophet Micah said, "He has shown you, O man, what is good and what the Lord requires of you but to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Therefore, when we are concerned about hunger as a stark, immediate need, or about hunger in terms of enabling people to help themselves in self-reliance through their own participation, we must go to the root of that hunger, the root and structures of human selfishness and sin, the structures of injustice in rich and poor countries, the root that goes to the whole world economic order which is totally broken down, where the rich become richer and the poor, poorer. These are moral and spiritual issues. How can people see their relations with creation and with their fellow human creatures in the purpose of God? That is what we are concerned about.

The millions we get are palliatives if we are only concerned with just giving up some money for helping and not going to the root. There is a Zulu proverb that says, "When the thorn gets into the toe, the whole body stoops to pick it out." You don't put salve on it, but you go for the thorn itself. That is what we are concerned with in the World Council of Churches, and we ask you to be involved in this and to be willing to share with us the things that are being produced all over the world by Christians in different ways.

For example, it is now over a year that we have set up an ecumenical development cooperative society, which is a means of enabling the poorer people of the world to receive help to help themselves, and we have been trying to get $5 million from the member churches and from others during the past year. I don't know how much you know about this, how much this is a concern of yours. Yet millions of people are waiting for this kind of symbol of our solidarity with them. Evangelism, as someone has said, is hope in action, hope—God's future being made alive by the tokens of our bringing glad tidings in word and in deed.

Do you realize that today is May Day—the first of May—the day when the workers of the world are remembering there is a continuing struggle for justice in the world. Do you remember the words of Karl Marx when his manifesto of 1848 said, "Workers of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains." That is what has been going on ever since, but do you also remember that 100 years before that, Charles Wesley taught Methodists to sing of what the blood of Jesus Christ, when we receive it into ourselves, does for each of us. "My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee." But to follow Christ means to take up His cross and to give ourselves for the sake of others, as He did.

That is what this May Day should mean for us, and is it any surprise to you that the trade union movement today owes more to the Methodist class meetings than to any other body, because there with those people who found their chains falling off and the freedom given by Christ felt free to storm the citadel of power and prejudice and the principalities and powers, in order to bring to life a way of justice. We Methodists have a history of that kind. Today we are called to make it a more living one.

Secondly, in the bishops' address, we heard about human equality and justice. We were told about human rights. Do you know the considerable amount of work that was done through the World Council of Churches, and particularly through its Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, to insure that the universal Declaration of Human Rights was produced in 1948? Do you know it was largely through the churches together that the Article XVIII on Religious Liberty was received by the nations of the world? Do you know the role that the churches have been playing together in the Covenant on Personal and Social Rights? Do you know that it is largely through the fellowship of the World Council of Churches that relations were opened with churches across the curtains, and so these churches are now in our fellowship? So we have the possibility of talking with them about the violation of human rights in those countries.

Do you know that in Latin America today, where so many Christians because of their stand for their Christian faith, because of their preaching by life and deed of the good news of salvation, are in prison, and some of them tortured? Do you know that the World Council of Churches has an office specially concerned about this, and making representations to the United Nations and enabling Christians together to work for these folk there?

Do you know of all that has been happening through this program to combat racism, to support your brethren like Bishop Muzorewa and Bishop deCarvalho in maintaining our solidarities as human beings and as Christians with those who have been suffering from that greatest skin disease of our time—racism? Do you know of the efforts made for reconciliation between peoples? You've heard about it, but do you know that after 17 years of civil war between the Muslim North and the Christian South in the Sudan—it was largely through this fellowship of churches that reconciliation took place. Do you know about the Fund for Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Indochina in which your own Board of Global Ministries is involved, and of the efforts being made in other areas of tension like in the Middle East, through material help, through bringing people from the different sides together to seek to find reconciliation in that situation?

Do you know the considerable amount of work done on the issues of disarmament? And of the challenge which we now are called to put into action of the struggle against the growing militarism in the world, and an arms race which is depriving people more and more of their human rights? These are some of the things in which we have been involved.

And lastly, the program unit on education and renewal. Here, in education we are concerned about general education, about Christian education, and about the theological education of the people of God. We have been involved in producing a curriculum for many countries in the Third World, or the Two-thirds World as I prefer to call them, because they have the population you know. We have a theological education fund which has sought to help people to do the theological education in context of their own cultures and doing theology for the sake of mission. We have a special portfolio on Biblical studies, as one who goes to help people to know how to use the Bible effectively in the context of their own daily lives. We have an Ecumenical Institute, which for the past nearly thirty years has been enabling people coming from many different parts of the world to share together what God has given to them and what He is calling them to do.

And in renewal we are involved in the work with laity and youth. It was through the World Council of Churches that twenty years ago there was a whole effort to convince our churches that the laity, the *laos*, is the whole people of God, the ninety-nine frozen assets of the church. And the call that they should be, that we who are leaders and bishops and so on, are the enablers of those, the whole people of God, to be the evangelists and missionaries and witnesses to the world.

Do you know about the work that is done among women? Since 1948 there has been a special department of cooperation of men and women in church and

society. The very careful studies that have been made of the ordination of women, the very explosive consultation held in 1974 on "Sexism in the 1970's," and the way in which we have lifted up the concern for rural women who carry the great burden in our hungry world. During the International Women's Year the projects that were done there and the studies that were to be carried out with theologians on the community of men and women in the church and in the society, and the ways in which we are seeing the liberation of women in terms—in the Biblical perspective—as ways in which men and women together can work for social and racial justice and breaking down the structures which oppress women as well as people of other races and ethnic groups.

We are in touch, and I notice that you have some work here on the charismatic movement—we have an office concerned with the renewal movement, including the charismatic movement—and on spirituality and on lifestyles. All these things are concerns which the churches have laid upon us, including The United Methodist Church. All these constitute what it means to be ecumenical.

Your General Council on Ministries has proposed the theme, Committed to Christ—Called to Change. Committed to Christ—Called to Change. It was Wesley himself who said the Methodists did not come to start a new sect, but to reform the nation and especially the church and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land. Holiness means, in its root, total commitment to God and Christ and to His purpose in the world. Commitment to Christ and Called to Change—that is the task of The United Methodist Church and also all churches. And the change which would start is the change which will start with us.

It is the metanoia, the repentance, the conversion to God and the world. Faith in the crucified and risen Lord is a radical break from a static understanding of our existence into a dynamic living and daring God's future. It also calls for radical transformation of structures of churches and societies, so that they may become more fruitful instruments of the Kingdom of God which is in our midst. It is Charles Wesley who said to us, "Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees and looks to that alone, laughs at impossibilities and cries 'It shall be done'." So, brethren and sisters, in this bicentennial year, and as you look forward to the bicentenary of your Methodist Conference in 1984, you join in the calling of the whole Church in this country and beyond to be committed to Christ and called to change, and to work for change, for God. As fellow workers with God to create one human family through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, may God bless you all in this enterprise.

The Chair expressed appreciation to Dr. Potter for his presence and his message. The report of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges having been completed, it was approved by vote of the Conference.

Judicial Council Ballot

The Chair announced that the time had been reached for an Order of the Day for balloting for members of the Judicial Council. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) explained the mechanics of the balloting procedure and indicated a correction to a typographical error in one of the names. *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin) called attention to one other misspelled name. Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania) asked for the Secretary to read the names of continuing Judicial Council members whose terms had not expired. *Charles D. White* (Assistant Secretary) reported that

Florence Lucas Edwards, Tom Matheny, *Truman W. Potter,* and *Hoover Rupert* would be continuing as members. The Chair explained the Disciplinary and parliamentary provisions that would govern the election. Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass led the Conference in prayer. The ballots were collected, and the Chair declared the ballot closed.

Proposal to Amend Rules

John B. Russell (Virginia) proposed an amendment to the Plan of Organization, to be referred to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for their consideration. Mr. Russell moved to amend Plan of Organization XI as adopted at the first session of the Conference (see pages 233-234) by substituting the following:

> ***Mr. Russell:*** "The reports and recommendations of all Councils, Boards and Standing Committees or Special Commissions or Committees to the General Conference shall be printed in an Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and mailed to all delegates at least sixty days prior to the opening of the General Conference. In order to accomplish this the finished copy of all such reports and recommendations shall be submitted to the editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate* at least 120 days prior to the opening of the General Conference. Any such reports and recommendations not so submitted and printed in an Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* shall be received by the General Conference only upon the approval of three-fourths of the delegates of the General Conference present and voting."

Mr. Russell spoke in support of his proposal. The Chair put the proposed substitute to a vote, and it was referred by action of the Conference.

General Council on Finance and Administration—Election of Members

Bishop James K. Mathews was recognized for the purpose of presenting nominations from the Council of Bishops for membership on the General Council on Finance and Administration. The following persons were nominated: North Central Jurisdiction, *Gerald Jones, Emerson Colaw,* Donald Strong, Tom Moore, Mrs. Ellen Hanna, Mrs. Kathleen Haining; Northeastern Jurisdiction, *Merrill Drennan, J. Clair Jarvis,* Harold H. Quickel, Harry Johnson, Mrs. Mary Lou Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Brogdon; South Central Jurisdiction, *Leighton Farrell, Douglas McGuire,* William Shepherd, Roy Grogan, Mrs. Ruby Bane, Mrs. Mary Metzel; Southeastern Jurisdiction, *Guy K. Hutcherson, Ralph Mohney,* A. B. Blackburn, Richard Fields, Mrs. Marjorie Mann, Mrs. Barbara Stauss; Western Jurisdiction, *Clifford Droke, Elias Galvan,* Norman Lee, Robert Stevens, Mrs. Olivia Carrell,

Mrs. Pauline Bobbitt; At-large, *C. P. Minnick, Clarence Borger, James Barber,* Ruben Siller, James Shaw, W. R. Byrd, Mrs. Helen Fannings, Mrs. Jeanette Winton, and Mrs. Lucille Schroeder.

Willie B. Clay (Northern Illinois) asked why there had been a substitution in the list of nominations for Joseph Johnson, whose name had been included in the list as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate.* Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson (Council of Bishops President) stated that Mr. Johnson's name was removed at his own request, because, as a trustee of Wiley College, he felt that there might be a conflict of interest.

The Chair called for a vote on the nominations, and the persons nominated by the Council of Bishops were elected.

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairperson, reported for the committee. He introduced the other committee members: C. R. Hager (Kentucky), vice-chairperson; Jeanie Stoppel (Oregon-Idaho), secretary; and Jim Egan (Oklahoma). *Mr. Hodapp* stated that three legislative committees had reports which had been printed for the amount of time required by the rules and were therefore ready to report. He called for reports from the Committee on Conferences.

Committee on Conferences, Report No. 1, Calendar No. 1

Bruce Blake (Kansas West), chairperson of the committee, introduced *R. Jervis Cooke* (Peninsula) for presentation of the report (see page 1282). *Mr. Cooke* explained that the report recommended approval of the revision and renumbering of Par. 831 of the 1972 *Book of Discipline* as proposed by the general boards and commissions and printed in Advance Edition E of the *Daily Christian Advocate;* he explained the purpose of the proposed revisions.

Mr. Blake moved adoption of the report. Marilyn Roberts (North Georgia) moved to amend the report by inserting the words "two young adults" after "United Methodist Men" in Par. 831.2; she spoke in support of her amendment. In response to a question from the Chair, *Mr. Blake* stated that he could not accept the amendment for the committee, since the committee had not discussed this issue. The Chair asked whether the amendment was germane to the report, and *Mr. Blake* and Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) both expressed the judgment that it was germane. *Omega Newman* (South Carolina) spoke in opposition to the amendment. Kathy LaPoint (California-Nevada) spoke for it. By vote of the Conference, the

previous question on the amendment was ordered. Floyd H. Coffman (Kansas East) attempted to present a related report but was ruled out of order. The amendment was put to a vote and adopted.

Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia) moved to amend the report by substituting the words "annual conference" for "council" in the last phrase of Par. 831.4. He explained that this would retain the provision in the 1972 *Book of Discipline* according to which the annual conference determines additional members of the conference Council on Ministries executive committee. *Sam N. Varnell, Jr.* (Holston) asked a question; the Chair responded. The Chair asked whether the committee would accept the amendment, and *Mr. Cooke* replied that it would not. *William M. James* (New York) spoke in support of the amendment. *John F. Osborn* (West Ohio) opposed it. *Alice G. Morrison* (Oregon-Idaho) attempted to move the previous question but was ruled out of order. *C. Rex Bevins* (Nebraska) attempted to speak against the amendment, but the Chair stated that a speech in support was next in order. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) spoke in favor of the amendment. *Mr. Bevins* opposed it. *John D. Humphrey, Sr.* (North Mississippi) moved the previous question. *Mr. Blake* declined the opportunity for a final statement in behalf of the committee position. The amendment was put to a vote and was defeated.

J. Irwin Trotter (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the new recommended sub-section 10g) by inserting "district Councils on Ministries" after "annual conference agencies." *Mr. Blake* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee.

Jean Troy (Holston) moved to amend Par. 831.4 by inserting the words "the elected representatives of the General Council on Ministries" after "director of the council." *Mr. Blake* stated that this issue had not been discussed by the committee, and that he would prefer that it be decided by the Conference. Mrs. Troy spoke in support of her amendment. Charles E. Edgar (Central Pennsylvania) asked for clarification; Mrs. Troy responded. The amendment was adopted by vote of the Conference.

P. Boyd Mather (Iowa) moved to amend the report, Par. 831.7, by deleting the words, "and other matters as the cabinet may determine." *Mr. Mather* spoke in support of his amendment. The amendment was defeated by vote of the Conference.

Adjournment

Frank A. Nichols moved that the plenary session be adjourned in favor of legislative committee sessions. At the request of the

Chair, *E. Russell Praetorius* (Minnesota), speaking for the Agenda Committee, opposed the motion. *Mr. Nichols* spoke in support of it. The motion was adopted.

Bishop Jack M. Tuell (Portland Area) made a statement regarding the local committee's plans for Sunday, May 2, and regarding the Oregon-Idaho Celebration. He introduced *William O. Walker* (Oregon-Idaho), chairperson of the Oregon-Idaho Celebration, who made an additional statement about the plans for that event.

J. B. Holt (Secretary) made announcements. *Norman L. Conard* (Business Manager) made a statement regarding the safety of materials left on the tables over the weekend. *John P. Miles* (Little Rock) asked a question; *Dr. Conard* responded.

Bishop Allen expressed appreciation to Bishops Finger and Mathews for their assistance to him in the task of presiding. Following the singing of one stanza of the hymn "Amazing Grace," Bishop Noah W. Moore pronounced the benediction, and the session was adjourned.

SIXTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 3, 1976
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Jack M. Tuell

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the sixth day, Monday, May 3, 1976, at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Jack M. Tuell, Portland Area, presiding.

Devotional Service

Following the Organ Prelude, the Conference joined in the singing of the hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." Choral selections were presented by The Chancel Choir, Edmonds United Methodist Church, Edmonds, Washington, under the direction of Dick L. Kite. The liturgist, Mrs. Lillian Sloan (Western Pennsylvania), read the Scripture, John 10:7-11, and led the Conference in prayer. An anthem was sung by the Edmonds Chancel Choir. Bishop Roy C. Nichols (Pittsburgh Area) preached the Devotional Sermon, "Dimensions of Discipleship" (see page 783).

Following the service, Bishop Tuell expressed appreciation to Bishop Nichols for his message and noted that he and his wife had once been members of the Edmonds United Methodist Church Choir.

Committee on Agenda

Lee Drinkard (North Georgia) reported for the committee and moved that the agenda as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* be adopted. The agenda for the day was adopted as printed.

Committee on Presiding Officers

Jameson Jones (Rocky Mountain) reported for the committee. He stated that Bishop Tuell had been chosen by the committee to preside at this session, and that Bishop D. Frederick Wertz (West Virginia Area) and Bishop Eugene M. Frank (Arkansas Area) were scheduled to preside at the afternoon and evening sessions respectively. He also reported that the committee did plan to utilize the new rule which the Conference had adopted, continuing presiding officers from one session to the next when the parliamentary situation warranted.

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Thomas P. Grissom (California-Nevada), committee secretary, led in the presentation of the report. He called attention to the Oregon-Idaho celebration the previous evening and expressed appreciation to Governor Straub, Representative Nancie Fadeley, Bishop Tuell, Dr. Glenn Olds, the Oregon-Idaho Celebration Committee chaired by *William O. Walker*, and the directors who participated in the event.

Mr. Grissom presented the bishops' wives and asked them to stand and be greeted by the Conference. He then called attention to the committee's printed report as found in the *Daily Christian Advocate* (see page 824).

Lester L. Moore (Iowa) moved that the address of Dr. Glenn Olds, delivered at the Oregon-Idaho Celebration, be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The Chair asked if the Conference would suspend the rules to permit action on this motion, and the rules were suspended. *Mr. Moore's* motion was put to a vote and adopted.

Report on First Judicial Council Ballot

Bishop Tuell: Now, we have come to the time in our agenda for another ballot. I have before me the results of Ballot No. 1, and I think that you should get a piece of paper and be prepared to list these names and the number of votes they have received. First I will read for you the lay ballot for Judicial Council. Total ballots cast, 945; invalid ballots, 10; valid ballots, 935; necessary to elect, 468. There is no election. All right. Here are the names in the order of the votes received: Leonard D. Slutz, 286; Elizabeth B. Gundlach, 250; Kathryn Mowrey Grove, 249; Tom Reavley, 224; John E. Stumbo, 172; Paul Webb, Jr., 163; Julia Gibson, 116; Susan Spruce, 116; Paul V. Shearer, 113; James M. Dolliver, 74; Walter Douglas, 36; Basil H. Lorch, Jr., 35; Rodolfo C. Beltran, 28; Crisolito Pascual, 22.

I'll read the results of the clergy ballot, and then ask the secretary to instruct us in the second ballot. This is now the clergy ballot. There were 945 ballots cast; 10 were invalid; 935 valid ballots; necessary to elect, 468. There is no election.

They are now listed in the order of number of votes received. First, Paul Duffey, 388; Gene Sease, 366; Charles B. Copher, 355; Alvin J. Lindgren, 247; Wayne W. Coffin, 214; Roy C. Clark, 205; Raymond Balcomb, 170; Douglas F. Verdin, 156; Richard E. Hamilton, 149; Daniel Garcia, 145; R. Herman Nicholson, 112; G. Eliot Jones, 108; Robert L. Close, 103; Clifford E. Trotter, 81; William R. Persons, 63.

Matter of Privilege

Barbara R. Thompson (Baltimore) moved, as a point of personal privilege, that Attorney Susan Spruce be permitted to speak. *John D. Humphrey, Sr.* (North Mississippi) requested an indication of the purpose of the request. Ms. Thompson stated that Ms. Spruce planned to withdraw from the Judicial Council election. *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin) stated that, in fairness to

all, the statement should be one of withdrawal only and not of endorsement. Ms. Thompson's motion was adopted. Ms. Spruce stated that it was an honor to be one of four women nominated for the Judicial Council, but that she requested that her name be withdrawn from nomination.

Ballot for Judicial Council Members

J. B. Holt (Secretary) gave instructions for the second ballot for members of the Judicial Council. Clarence M. Winchester (Western North Carolina) asked a question; *Dr. Holt* responded. When the Chair determined that the ballots had been collected, he declared the second ballot for Judicial Council members closed.

Questions Regarding Expenses

Ted Richardson (Southwest Texas) asked a question regarding the number of days for which per diem expenses would be paid; *Gene Sease* (Western Pennsylvania), chairperson of the Commission on the General Conference, responded. Alick Seymour (Delhi) asked whether the Council on Finance and Administration had made a determination on a matter referred to it earlier, dealing with per diem expenses. The Secretary suggested that he inquire at the Council office in the Coliseum.

Presentation of "Wesley's Works"

Joseph Quillian (Dean, Perkins School of Theology): Mr. President and friends, we all have a stake in John Wesley. We do as United Methodists and as members of the world family of Methodists and also as members of the Church of Jesus Christ. We need to know John Wesley in accurate and lively fashion for what he means to us as Methodists and for what his theology can and ought to mean in the relationship among Protestants, Roman Catholics and Orthodox. To make Wesley effectively accessible, a group of persons competent in Wesleyan studies, in 18th century studies, both American and British, have been at work since 1960.

The objective is to produce a definitive critical edition of *The Works of John Wesley* with a dependable text, enabling and enlightening introductions, adequate footnotes, the identification of numerous scriptural and literary allusions that have not so far been identified, and an effective apparatus for study.

Dean Quillian proceeded to give information regarding the length of the series, the publisher, and the expected publication schedule. He stated that an enterprise such as this often operates at a loss, and that the United Methodist seminaries, the Division of Ordained Ministry, and the Commission on Archives and History had been principal supporters of the project, along with some annual conference historical societies and the British Methodist Conference. He urged that delegates buy copies, for

themselves and as gifts, that church libraries buy copies, that historical societies support the project, and to be mindful of persons who might be willing to sponsor a volume. He indicated that good sales of the first volume would encourage the publisher to print larger quantities of succeeding volumes, thus permitting a lower price per volume.

Address—Bishop Emilio de Carvalho

Douglas Verdin (New York), chairperson of the Committee on Agenda, presented Bishop Ralph E. Dodge and asked that the Conference join in the singing of the hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Bishop Dodge: Bishop Tuell, members of the General Conference, and friends. It was some thirty years ago that a pastor and his wife in Angola, at a dedication service, presented their small boy at the altar of the church, dedicating his life to the work of the church, to the Kingdom of God. They very wisely nurtured him through his young manhood, and then the church joined with them in helping him get the background that he needed for leadership by providing a scholarship, in Brazil and later here in the United States at Garrett Biblical Institute and Northwestern University.

Returning to his home country, he taught in the Union Theological Seminary until the Central Conference of 1972, and at that time the Central Conference had the wisdom in selecting as one of the youngest bishops in The United Methodist Church, Emilio de Carvalho, who is here representing his church in what I think is the newest nation in the world of nations, the Popular Republic of Angola. Bishop de Carvalho.

Bishop de Carvalho: Mr. Chairman, members of the world-wide Methodist family. First of all, I want to express my deep sense of gratitude to the Courtesies and Privileges Committee for extending to me this high privilege to briefly address this General Conference. I also feel a great sense of responsibility upon me when I am invited to speak about issues that involve the integrity and the dignity of a people whose survival and preservation are so vital to the whole continent of Africa. I come to you from Angola, a country that has been very much in the news today. The history of our independence that was sacrificially achieved on November 11, 1975, is one of the most beautiful chapters of the African liberation struggle.

The independence of Angola, the political conflicts that ended in a war of resistance, the reality of foreign intervention in my country, and the attempt from some nations to transform Angola in a battlefield between the West and East, between capitalism and communism, and the attempt to underestimate the true Angolan authenticity of our independence, the role of the Christian churches in that newly-independent nation, are perhaps some of the issues raised today when people are talking about Angola. There have been attempts to avoid the fundamental issue in Southern Africa today. And the fundamental issue in Southern Africa today is liberation. As far as my country is concerned, the fundamental issue has been liberation from 500 years of colonial oppression, of denial of human dignity, liberation from exploitation and from neo-colonialism, mainly on the part of those looking from the outside.

We believe that the independence of Angola and of Mozambique will be meaningless as long as other oppressed peoples of Southern Africa still remain under regimes that deny the liberating forces of Zimbabwe, South Africa, and

Namibia the right to determine their own destinies and to establish the alliances better fitted to their anxieties. The church in Angola is not divorced from this struggle. We are not asking questions about church and state relationships in Angola because this is the first time in our history that we are a state. We did not struggle for the survival of the church, but we struggled for the survival and for the total liberation of the total Angolan people, and the church in Angola we feel is a part of the total Angolan community. It is not a separate entity in the Angolan society. Some of you may ask questions about the survival of the church in Angola, about the existence of the religious freedom out of your fears and apprehensions about the outcome of political changes in Angola. But I tell you that the achievement of independence in Angola does not put a question mark on the future and on the present of the church in Angola. On the contrary, the achievement of political independence gives the church in Angola great opportunity to become a truly Christian church. It is to avoid the main issues today if we think that the main isssue in Angola today is the survival of the church.

Christians in my country have always been involved in the struggle for liberation, because we believe that the mission of the church is also God's mission: to see the affliction of our people, and the church is also part of the people; to hear the cry of the people because of their oppressors, and the church is also the oppressed community; and to know the suffering of the people, and the church is also a suffering community; and to bring liberation to the country. The church is also part of the process of bringing liberation to the country. I believe that the Christian Church in Angola exists for the sake of the people and not for its own sake. The church in Angola exists for the sake of the people and to minister unto the people. This is why we believe that in Angola the preservation of the prestige of the Christian Church and of the Christian missions, as institutions, is less important than the achievement of the dignity of the Angolan people as a whole. The church in Angola still bears, unfortunately, this stigma of being a foreign entity. Speaking particularly of The United Methodist Church in Angola, this church is still known in my country as "Missao Americana"—American Mission. And I believe that we can avoid that by being with the oppressed, and never with the oppressors.

Southern Africa is experimenting significant and radical changes today. If the gospel of Jesus Christ is to be a relevant answer to hate, to racism, to misunderstandings and divisions, the Christian Church cannot remain indifferent to the cry and to the sufferings of the people. The Christian Church cannot excuse itself from participation in the ministry of liberation, of salvation, and of relief. Before we can really contribute to help those people who suffer from hunger and from misery, the Christian Church must first participate in the promotion of a just society, wherever it stands for an authentic gospel. We are engaged in creating a new church in a new society. We are trying to respond to the challenges of the present hour, because we believe that as Christians and as citizens we are an integral part of the task of national reconstruction.

It is not easy to be a Christian in that part of our continent today, where pacifism is only required of those who are oppressed. However, we believe that as our nations march toward their full realization, the Christian Church will also go on fulfilling its destiny as the "salt and as the light of the world." At this very moment let us again remember our colleague, Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, leader of the people of Zimbabwe and the leader of United Methodists in that country. Let us not only remember him and remember peoples of Southern Africa in our prayers. This will not be enough. In order that the work of this general assembly of The United Methodist Church can fully touch and penetrate all the aspects of our Christian solidarity with oppressed peoples, you must also make decisions—decisions that will directly help churches and peoples in Southern Africa whose

Christian witness is widely known to you as coming out of a very difficult situation many of us never went through.

United Methodism is a "World Parish." So let it truly be. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The Chair stated that Bishop de Carvalho would take a few moments to respond to questions.

David L. Crawford (West Michigan): Bishop, the other evening you had some rather helpful comments to your point that it was basically an issue of liberation for the Angolan people, not a struggle between the East and West, and on the role of the United States with regard to the three movements within your country. Could you comment to that point?

Bishop de Carvalho: Yes, the main issue in my country today is the issue of liberation. It is not the issue of the Cold War between the West and the East. It is very simply, to agree with me, that after 500 years of Portuguese colonialism, Angolan people wanted to be free. This is the main issue today. So as I said, it is useless to transform this main issue in a Cold War between the West and the East. It is not really happening in my country today. This may be an issue of the so-called "big powers" and not the issue of the Angolan people.

As far as the three liberations in the country, this is not longer the present political reality in my country today. As you know, Angola is now an independent nation. It has been governed by one of those political movements in Angola, and we are no longer discussing the problem of three liberation movements. There are no longer three liberation movements. We are no longer liberation movements; we are an independent and a sovereign nation and the issue you put is not being now discussed in my country.

S. Clifton Ives (Maine): I would like publicly to ask the Bishop a question regarding the two empty seats beside which I have been sitting. I have the privilege of sitting beside two empty seats of the Angolan delegation which makes me very aware of the Angolan presence by the absence of those delegates. I just ask him if he would bring the greetings of the Conference to those two who are not here and ask if there is any explanation as to why they are not present.

Bishop de Carvalho: Yes, thank you very much. I don't have any explanation for their absence. Our Annual Conference elected the delegates to this General Conference, and I am also sorry that our delegates have not been able to come to this Conference yet. I had to leave earlier for the Bishops' Council meeting, and I was very much sure that the delegates would be here last Tuesday. I think that they may have two difficulties. One of them is to get their tickets. I think that the way things were arranged this year for the so-called "overseas delegates" to come to this General Conference was not good to us. The fact that the tickets would be issued in Angola but ordered from New York has made it very difficult to get the tickets at the Portuguese airlines agency in Luanda. And I think this is one of the difficulties.

The other difficulty, as you know, we have the same difficulties—myself and my wife—to get into this country because we are travelling on Angolan passports. And as the United States has not yet recognized the Popular Republic of Angola, we had to wait three days in Lisbon to get a special visa to get into this country, and perhaps the delegates must have the same difficulties.

D. W. Brooks (North Georgia): I have spent a large part of my life overseas in many of the countries both communist and non-communist. Generally, when the communists take over a country they start off allowing liberty for the church, but soon thereafter they gradually close down the churches.

I realize that your struggle was for independence, but the fact that a communist

group was very helpful in maybe bringing about this independence, the question, I think, in all of our minds now is whether the church will be able to maintain its independence in the future.

Bishop de Carvalho: First of all, it is so difficult for you in this country to understand what is really going on in my country. As I said, my country was ruled by Portugal for 500 years, and very few people accused Portugal of oppressing the Angolan people. And I remember during the days of Salazar—a Portuguese dictator—everyone who was against Salazar was a communist. And now that we fought this long battle to achieve our independence you think that the communists took over in Angola. We cannot accept that. Communists did not take over in Angola.

Angolans did achieve their independence at the high cost, the high price of our sons and daughters. Even if communists took over in Angola we would never be concerned about the future of the church because we have gone through such difficult days during the colonial times that the church has survived anyway. But I want to tell you that as long as you think that the communists took over in Angola, you will miss the real point.

Edgar F. Singer (Wyoming): Bishop, would you comment on the role of the World Council of Churches in Angola during the troubles of recent months?

Bishop de Carvalho: Yes, we cannot speak very much on the role of the World Council of Churches in recent months, but we are very grateful in Angola for the role the World Council of Churches has played in the whole, in the total liberation struggle of the African continent. The World Council of Churches has helped the African liberation movements in the past and we are very grateful for this.

The Chair expressed appreciation to Bishop de Carvalho for his presentation and his willingness to respond to questions.

Privilege Motions

As a matter of privilege, *Richard D. Tholin* (Northern Illinois) moved "that this General Conference express its solidarity as Christians with Bishop Emilio de Carvalho and Bishop Abel Muzorewa as they struggle to express the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ in situations full of difficulty and opportunity." The motion was adopted.

F. Lewis Walley (Eastern Pennsylvania) moved that the message delivered by Bishop de Carvalho be included in the *Daily Christian Advocate.* The Chair stated that it would be included as a part of the Daily Proceedings.

Nominations from Council of Bishops

Bishop Ralph T. Alton (Secretary, Council of Bishops) presented nominations as follows:

General Council on Ministries (three persons from Central Conferences):

Raiji Rathod—India
Mrs. Birgit Lind—Northern Europe
(to be named)—Africa

General Board of Pensions:
Clergy—*Earl B. Carter* (South Central Jurisdiction)
Rex M. Mixson (Southeastern Jurisdiction)
Laymen—Clifford Aguilar (Western Jurisdiction)
Harry Burney (Southeastern Jurisdiction)
Laywomen—Mrs. Esther Armstrong (North Central Jurisdiction)
Mrs. Betty Nusbaum (Northeastern Jurisdiction)

Commission on Archives and History:
S. Walter Martin (Southeastern Jurisdiction)
Eula Pryor (South Central Jurisdiction)
Mrs. Mary Nell Waite (Southeastern Jurisdiction)
Mrs. Betty Smith (Western Jurisdiction)
James D. Nelson (South Central Jurisdiction)
Theodore Agnew (South Central Jurisdiction)
Mary Jane Finger (Southeastern Jurisdiction)
Charles Stanton (North Central Jurisdiction)
Mrs. Laureen Burnhardt (North Central Jurisdiction)
Gerald W. R. Ward (Northeastern Jurisdiction)
Jose Fernandez (Western Jurisdiction)
Kenneth Rowe (Northeastern Jurisdiction)
Kenton Clymer (South Central Jurisdiction)

Episcopal Membership on Boards and Agencies

Council on Ministries:
Bishop John B. Warman
Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe
Bishop Dwight E. Loder
Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.
Bishop Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.
Bishop Eric A. Mitchell

Board of Church and Society:
Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel
Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy
Bishop Paul A. Washburn
(new bishop—South Central Jurisdiction)
(new bishop—South Central Jurisdiction)
(new bishop—North Central Jurisdiction)
Bishop Roy C. Nichols
Bishop Frank L. Robertson
Bishop Carl J. Sanders
Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr.

Board of Global Ministries:
Bishop A. James Armstrong
Bishop Alsie H. Carleton
Bishop Jack M. Tuell
Bishop Finis A. Crutchfield
Bishop Wayne K. Clymer
Bishop Roy C. Nichols
Bishop Edward G. Carroll
Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt
Bishop D. Frederick Wertz
Bishop William R. Cannon
Bishop Ole E. Borgen
Bishop Emilio de Carvalho
Bishop Paul A. Granadosin

Commission on Archives and History:
Bishop John B. Warman
Bishop James K. Mathews

Board of Publication:
Bishop William R. Cannon
Bishop L. Scott Allen

Governing Board of the National Council of Churches:
(new bishop—North Central Jurisdiction)
Bishop Edward G. Carroll
Bishop Alsie H. Carleton
Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.
Bishop Charles F. Golden

Council on Finance and Administration:
Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr.
Bishop Paul W. Milhouse
Bishop James S. Thomas

Board of Discipleship:
Bishop R. Marvin Stuart
Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.
Bishop Edward L. Tullis
Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson
Bishop A. James Armstrong
Bishop Joel D. McDavid
(new bishop—South Central Jurisdiction)
(new bishop—North Central Jurisdiction)
(new bishop—Northeastern Jurisdiction)
Bishop Edward G. Carroll

Board of Higher Education and Ministry:
Bishop Robert M. Blackburn
Bishop Mack B. Stokes
Bishop Lance Webb
Bishop Carl J. Sanders
Bishop Ernest T. Dixon
Bishop Ralph T. Alton
Bishop James M. Ault
Bishop James K. Mathews
Bishop Charles F.Golden
(new bishop—South Central Jurisdiction)

Board of Pensions:
Bishop Alsie H. Carleton

Commission on Religion and Race:
Bishop D. Frederick Wertz
Bishop L. Scott Allen

Committee on Official Forms and Records:
Bishop Paul W. Milhouse

The persons nominated by the Council of Bishops were elected by vote of the Conference.

Bishop Alton: The *Discipline* provides that the Council of Bishops is to present to the General Conference the nomination of a secretary-designate for the following General Conference. In connection with this procedure nominations from the floor are to be received. If other nominations are received the election would be by ballot. The Council of Bishops would like to present as a nominee for the General Conference of 1980, Dr. J. B. Holt.

Opportunity was given for nominations from the floor; there being none, *J. B. Holt* (Central Texas) was elected Secretary-Designate for the 1980 General Conference by vote of the Conference.

Recess

Thomas Whitehead (Oregon-Idaho) made an announcement regarding the morning's coffee break. The Conference was in recess for fifteen minutes. Following the recess, *Carlton Young* led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Praise the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation."

Printing of Devotional Addresses

Ernest K. Emurian (Virginia) moved that the addresses given by the bishops during the morning devotional period be included

in the printing of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and that such printing be retroactive to include the previous week's devotional addresses. *H. L. Watson* (North Carolina) asked a question regarding how the cost of such printing would be underwritten; *Mr. Emurian* responded. *Gene E. Sease* (Chairperson, Commission on the General Conference) reported that it had been the Commission's judgment that it would be less costly if United Methodist Communications were to provide the addresses in both printed and cassette form to be sold to persons who wished them on a cost basis. Robert B. Carpenter (Virginia) moved, as a substitute for *Mr. Emurian's* motion, that the Conference make arrangements to have the devotional messages reproduced and to make these available to the delegates at cost. The motion to substitute was put to a vote and approved. The main motion, as substituted, was then adopted.

Committee on Calendar—Procedural Motion

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the Committee on Calendar, on behalf of the Committee, moved "that all non-concurrence calendar items receiving a vote of more than 90% of those present and voting for non-concurrence in the Legislative Committee be presented to the plenary session on the final day of the Conference under a single corporate motion for non-concurrence." *Mr. Hodapp* stated that the purpose was to expedite the process by which all such items have previously required individual consideration by the Conference, and that the chairpersons of all ten legislative committees had agreed to this motion. He also indicated that any non-concurrence report which received less than 90% support in the legislative committee would still be presented separately, and that at the time the blanket motion was made on the last day, it would still be possible to lift specific items from it and consider them individually. The motion was adopted.

Committee on Conferences, Report No. 1 (Consideration Resumed)

Mr. Hodapp reminded the Conference of the parliamentary situation which had been reached in the consideration of this item at the previous session (see page 306). *Wayne C. Jarvis* (North Arkansas) moved that the proposed amended version of Par. 831.7 be further amended by the addition of the following sentence: "The director shall not participate in the cabinet consultation on matters related to the making of appointments."

Mr. Jarvis: Presently there is no disciplinary limit on the tenure of Council on Ministries directors; there is no disciplinary provision prohibiting the interchange of cabinet members and Council on Ministries directors. In the absence of such limitation, it is possible—indeed, in some conferences, it is the fact that it now occurs—for a person to go from the cabinet to the director's position and, secondly, for the director to function in the unique role of district superintendent, i.e., the making of appointments. Without this amendment, a person can in effect function as a conference superintendent or perform a cabinet role for periods longer than six years. The first practice has been ruled unconstitutional by the Judicial Council, and the second is contrary to our *Discipline.* This amendment would specifically prohibit this practice.

Seeing no one else who wished to speak to the amendment, the Chair called for the vote, and it was adopted.

Howard J. Horton (Western Pennsylvania) moved to amend the report, present Par. 831.2, following the reference to "two representatives of the conference United Methodist Women, one of whom shall be the president," by adding the following: "two representatives from the conference United Methodist Men, one of whom shall be the president or his designate." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Ted Richardson* (Southwest Texas) asked a question; Mr. Horton responded. The Chair indicated that the question would be counted as a speech against the amendment. Robert G. Mayfield (Kentucky) spoke for the amendment. Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) attempted to move the previous question on all before the Conference; the Chair stated that the motion was not in order, since there had not been the requisite number of speeches against the amendment. *Clifford Droke* (California-Nevada) moved to suspend the rules in order to vote the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. Mr. Blackstone then moved the previous question, and it was adopted.

At the Chair's request *Charles D. White* (Assistant Secretary) read Mr. Horton's amendment. It was put to a vote and adopted. The Committee on Conferences Report No. 1, as amended, was then adopted by vote of the Conference (see pages 1282-1285).

Committee on Church and Society, Report No. 2, Calendar No. 108

Mr. Hodapp called on John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairman of the legislative committee, for presentation of the report. Mr. Stumbo presented *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin), chairman of the sub-committee which had worked on the report, to respond to any questions. *Mr. Truitt* moved the adoption of the report, and it was adopted (see page 1117).

Committee on Church and Society, Report No. 3, Calendar No. 109

Mr. Truitt moved the adoption of the report, and it was adopted (see page 1117).

Committee on Church and Society, Report No. 8, Calendar No. 114; Minority Report, Calendar No. 115 (see pages 1119-1130)

Mr. Stumbo called attention to two changes to be made in the report as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Mr. Stumbo then indicated that there was a minority report and that it was the committee's intention that the Conference consider the majority and minority reports in accordance with Rule 36. He introduced *John D. Wolf* (North Indiana) for the presentation of the minority report. *Mr. Wolf* explained that the minority report was in the form of a substitute for two paragraphs of the section of the report entitled "IV. Marijuana"; he explained the purpose of the proposed substitute.

The Chair explained that, in accordance with Rule 23, amendments to the original report were in order. Fletcher Carter (South Carolina) asked what was meant in the report by "a small amount"; Mr. Wolf responded. Mr. Carter moved to amend to include a reference to one ounce. The Chair ruled that this amendment related to the minority report and was not in order at this time.

John M. Meares (North Carolina) moved to amend the section headed "II. Alcohol" by adding a new paragraph 6 at the end of the section, to read as follows: "We urge the Federal Trade Commission to develop a health hazard warning statement concerning the use of alcohol as a beverage and that it be affixed to all alcoholic beverage offered for sale." Mr. Stumbo stated that he could not accept the amendment on behalf of the committee. Mr. Meares spoke in support of his amendment, and it was adopted.

Fletcher Carter (South Carolina) called the Chair's attention to the fact that the term "small amounts" did appear in the majority report in the section dealing with marijuana and moved to substitute the words "one ounce or less" for it; he spoke in support of his amendment. *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming) spoke against the amendment on the grounds that each state, in its own laws, defines "small amounts" for itself. George A. Wright (South Georgia) spoke in support of the amendment. *Blaine E. Taylor* (Southern New England) spoke against it. *Mr. White* (Assistant Secretary) read the amendment. It was put to a vote and defeated.

C. Rex Bevins (Nebraska) moved to amend the section headed "VII. Psychedelics or Hallucinogens" by deleting the paragraph numbered "3," which dealt with studying the claims of psychedelic drug-related religious experience.

Mr. Bevins: I have worked in the drug abuse field for nearly 15 years, spent my life in a pastoral ministry but with a particular focus on counseling many who are drug casualties. I have worked with a number of young people who have tried to find "better living through chemistry" and for those who have been in search of a deeper religious experience through the use of the hallucinogens and psychedelics, and I really believe that this particular statement is open to misinterpretation and that it can lead to greater experimentation with psychedelics in search of a deeper religious experience. Therefore, sir, I wish to delete this particular statement, but I support the rest of the majority report.

The amendment was adopted.

James A. Summers (Western North Carolina) stated that the majority report contained a sentence to the effect that the removal of felony penalties in no way implied approval or recognition of marijuana use or its legalization, and that the omission of this sentence in the minority report had not been called to the Conference's attention.

Minority Report—Calendar No. 115

The Chair called for amendments on the minority report. Heinz P. Fischer (South Germany) spoke against the minority report. *John V. Moore* (California-Nevada) moved to amend the minority report by adding a new last sentence, to read: "The removal of criminal penalties in no way, however, implies approval or encouragement of marijuana use or its legalization."

William B. Grove (Western Pennsylvania): The discussion in the committee revolved around the relationship between the removal of all legal penalties and legalization. I would like the maker of the amendment to define how we can declare that the removal of all legal penalties, criminal penalties, does not represent legalization.

Bishop Tuell: Does the maker of the amendment wish to respond? I interpret the last question as a speech against.

Mr. Moore: There might be some individuals here from states where this is the case, but it is my understanding that at least if it's not a reality in some states, it is a possibility that citations may be given for possession of small amounts of marijuana as citations are given for driving offenses.

William O. Walker (Oregon-Idaho) spoke in favor of the amendment. Joe Pevahouse spoke in support of the majority report. *John D. Wolf* (North Indiana), speaking on behalf of the signers of the minority report, opposed the amendment on the grounds that the report already contained strong language against the use of marijuana. After the reading of the amendment

by the Assistant Secretary, it was put to a vote and adopted.

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) moved to amend the minority report by changing the term "criminal penalties" to "imprisonment penalties"; he spoke in support of his motion. *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin) spoke against it. Floyd H. Coffman (Kansas East) spoke for it. *William O. Walker* (Oregon-Idaho) asked a question; *Mr. Wolf* responded. Robert D. Cheyne (North Arkansas) asked whether the minority report had the requisite number of signers under Rule 33, inasmuch as only six persons were shown as having voted against the majority report. The Chair ascertained from *Mr. Wolf* that the minority report did have the required number of signers. John J. Thomas (South Indiana) stated that, contrary to statements which had been made from the Conference floor, some states do have felony penalties for the possession of small amounts of marijuana. Following the reading of the amendment by the Assistant Secretary, it was adopted by vote of the Conference.

Mr. Wolf indicated that he had no further statement to make in behalf of the minority report. Mr. Stumbo (Kansas East) made a final statement in support of the majority report.

Calendar No. 114 Adopted

The vote on whether to substitute the minority report for the majority report was taken, and it was not substituted. The majority report was adopted as amended (see page 1119).

Report on Second Judicial Council Ballot

Bishop Tuell: First of all, the lay ballot for the Judicial Council—total number of ballots cast were 947, valid ballots 935, number needed 468; there is no election. The following are the names and the totals: Leonard D. Slutz, 400; Elizabeth B. Gundlach, 380; Kathryn Mowrey Grove, 280; Tom Reavley, 227; John E. Stumbo, 153; Paul Webb, Jr., 139; Paul V. Shearer, 79; Julia Gibson, 77; James M. Dolliver, 30; Basil H. Lorch, Jr., 22; Walter Douglas, 20; Crisolito Pascual, 20; Rodolfo C. Beltran, 12.

I'll now read from the clergy ballot. Number of ballots cast was 947; invalid was 8; valid ballots, 935 (*sic*); number needed for election, 468. There are two elections. Paul A. Duffey with 550 and Gene E. Sease, 496. All right, here are the other totals: Charles B. Copher, 421; Alvin J. Lindgren, 248; Wayne W. Coffin, 192; Roy C. Clark, 178; Daniel Garcia, 113; Douglas F. Verdin, 106; Richard E. Hamilton, 98; R. Herman Nicholson, 81; Raymond Balcomb, 80; Robert L. Close, 65; G. Eliot Jones, 54; Clifford E. Trotter, 50; William R. Persons, 33.

Third Judicial Council Ballot

The Secretary gave instructions for taking the ballot. Rodolfo C. Beltran (Middle Philippines) asked to withdraw as a nominee. When the ballots had been collected, the Chair declared the ballot closed.

Committee on Administrative Order, Report No. 7, Calendar No. 87

Leroy Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the Calendar Committee, called on *David A. Duck* (South Georgia), chairman of the legislative committee, for presentation of the report. *Mr. Duck* explained the purpose of the report, and it was adopted (see page 1873).

Report No. 5, Calendar No. 85

Mr. Duck explained that this was a non-concurrence report on which more than 10% of the committee had voted against non-concurrence, and that under the terms of the procedural motion adopted earlier in the session (see page), it needed separate consideration by the Conference. He explained that the issue was whether agency members' votes on controversial issues should be recorded by name. Elaine J. Woodworth (Pacific Northwest) gave additional explanation regarding the committee action. *Zan Holmes, Jr.* (North Texas) asked a question; *Mr. Duck* responded. *Mr. Holmes* asked for further clarification; *Mr. Duck* responded. *Omega Newman* (South Carolina) spoke against the committee's non-concurrence recommendation. John Chittum (East Ohio) asked a procedural question; the Chair responded. Theressa Hoover (New York) spoke in support of the committee recommendation. The Chair asked if the Conference wished to defer action on the report until a copy of the petition was available; the Conference voted not to defer action. *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) moved the previous question, and it was adopted. *Mr. Duck* made a final statement in behalf of the committee position, and the committee's non-concurrence recommendation was supported by vote of the Conference (see page 1872).

Report No. 13, Calendar No. 93; Report No. 14, Calendar No. 94

Mr. Duck explained that the petitions called for the removal of the quota system, and that the committee's recommendation was for non-concurrence. The Conference voted to support the non-concurrence recommendation (see page 1874).

He then presented Report No. 14, explaining that the issue was similar, and that the committee recommended non-concurrence with the petitions in this report also. The Conference approved the committee report (see page 1874).

Report No. 22, Calendar No. 102

Mr. Duck explained that the petitions dealt with in this report

called for a reduction in the membership of the program boards, and that the committee recommended non-concurrence. The non-concurrence recommendation was approved (see page 1876).

Committee on the Local Church, Report No. 1, Calendar No. 22

Mr. Hodapp presented Woodrow Seals (Texas), chairman of the legislative committee. Mr. Seals introduced the report, dealing with the outline and numbering of the new disciplinary chapter on the local church. The report was adopted (see page 1628).

Report No. 2, Calendar No. 23

Mr. Seals explained that the report would amend Par. 107 of the *Book of Discipline* by deleting the words "without regard to race, color, national origin or economic condition."

Mr. Seals: We did that for two reasons. Firstly, we thought that the church has come to the point in time where every person has those rights set out in Paragraph 107, and it was not necessary at this time in the history of the church to qualify any person; and secondly, it would avoid adding other qualifications from other identifiable groups.

Bishop Tuell: All right. Yes, right here.

Blaine E. Taylor (Southern New England): I rise to speak in opposition of the majority for two reasons. In the first place, many of us in this church worked long and hard to establish the stance that now, albeit for a good cause supposedly, is suggested for deletion. But I think it would be misunderstood if we attack the problem of homosexuality by deleting such phrases "without regard to race, color, national origin or economic condition." This has been historically the stance of The Methodist Church. Let us keep it as the stance of The Methodist Church. Secondly, I feel that we should not avoid other issues by verbiage that avoids those issues. I think that we should speak to all issues clearly.

Albert C. Outler (North Texas) spoke against the committee report. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) spoke for it. *Richard S. Parker* (New York) spoke against the deletion proposed by the committee. Mr. Seals made a final statement for the committee position. The Conference voted not to concur with the committee report (see page 1628).

Motion to Suspend Rules

Mr. Seals moved the suspension of the rules to permit the consideration of reports which had been printed for less than the required length of time. At the Chair's request, *Mr. Hodapp* stated that there were four other committees which could report some items without the suspension of the rules. Mr. Seals withdrew his motion.

Committee on Independent Commissions, Report No. 4, Calendar No. 17

Mr. Hodapp presented *Hector Navas* (Florida), chairman of the committee. *Mr. Navas* presented the report, explaining that it called for an addition to the Historical Statement in the *Book of Discipline.* The report was adopted (see page 1829). *Emory S. Bucke* (Editor, *Book of Discipline*) asked for further guidance and information as to how this statement was to be presented and whether it would be completed in time to meet publication deadlines. *Mr. Navas* asked *Woodie W. White* (Detroit) to respond. *Mr. White* stated that *Dr. John Graham* had agreed to write a statement on the history of black Methodists in The United Methodist Church, including an historical statement on the Central Jurisdiction.

Report Nos. 5, 6, 7; Calendar Nos. 18, 19, 20

Mr. Navas presented each of the reports separately, and each was adopted by separate vote of the Conference, without discussion (see pages 1830-1831).

Report No. 8, Calendar No. 21

Mr. Navas presented the report. Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania) asked whether the report should read "Quadrennial Committees" instead of "Quadrennial Commissions." *H. Sharon Howell* (Kansas East), secretary of the legislative committee, responded that the report should be corrected to read "committees." The report was adopted (see page 1831).

Committee on Conferences, Report No. 2, Calendar No. 2

Mr. Hodapp called on *Bruce Blake* (Kansas West), chairman of the committee, to present the report. It was adopted (see page 1285).

Report No. 19, Calendar No. 49

Mr. Blake asked Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia), sub-committee chairman, to present the report. Mr. Bray explained that the petition was to reduce the size of the General Conference by one-half, and that the committee recommended nonconcurrence. The Conference approved the non-concurrence recommendation (see page 1289).

Report No. 24, Calendar No. 54

Mr. Bray explained that the petition proposed that persons elected by jurisdictional conferences to serve on general boards and agencies automatically become voting members of the annual

conference, and that the committee was recommending non-concurrence. The non-concurrence recommendation was adopted (see page 1290).

Report No. 30, Calendar No. 60

Mr. Bray explained that the petition would have limited the time a minister could serve as a conference Council on Ministries director, and that the committee recommended non-concurrence. The committee recommendation was adopted (see page 1291).

Report No. 51, Calendar No. 137

Mr. Blake presented a correction to the printed report. *Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.* (Western North Carolina) stated that other calendar items, which were to come before the Conference later, would propose amendments to other portions of the same paragraphs amended by this report, and that action on this report should not preclude those subsequent actions. The report was adopted (see page 1295).

Report No. 52, Calendar No. 138

Mr. Blake explained that the purpose of the report was to clarify the fact that persons thirty years of age were considered young adults for the purpose of representation in agency membership. The report was adopted (see page 1296).

Report No. 53, Calendar No. 139

Mr. Blake explained that the purpose of the report was to change the disciplinary terminology referring to conference young adult organizations. The report was adopted (see page 1297).

Report No. 54, Calendar No. 140

Mr. Bray explained that the purpose of the report was to recommend that consideration be given to the inclusion of persons from small membership churches in constituting annual conference agencies. The report was adopted (see page 1297).

Report No. 55, Calendar No. 141

Mr. Bray explained that this change was to recognize the new name of the Commission on the General Conference in a disciplinary paragraph in which that Commission's name appeared. The report was adopted (see page 1298).

Report No. 57, Calendar No. 143

Mr. Bray presented a change in the report as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and explained that the committee

recommendation was for a study of the jurisdictional system, and that the recommendation was to go to the General Council on Ministries. The report was put to a vote, and the Chair stated that it was adopted. Franklin Blackstone (Western Pennsylvania) asked for a division of the house. The Chair asked to see the vote again and ruled that the report was adopted (see page 1299).

Report No. 56, Calendar No. 142

Mr. Blake explained that the report would amend Par. 601 by deleting the word "resident" with reference to church members. The report was adopted (see page 1298).

Report No. 65, Calendar No. 151

Mr. Bray explained that the report would amend the constitutional provision governing eligibility for election as a delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference by reducing the required period of United Methodist church membership prior to election from four to two years, and by adding the requirement of active participation for four years prior to election.

The Chair stated that the Conference was within two minutes of an order of the day and asked for guidance as to whether to move into consideration of a constitutional amendment. Harry K. Underwood (Baltimore) moved that the session be adjourned, and the motion was adopted.

Announcements and Adjournment

J. B. Holt (Secretary) made announcements.

Bishop Tuell: I have just received in the mail this letter which I am sure will be of interest to you. There are United Methodists who worship within the Soviet Union who had hoped to be here. They are from Estonia, and this letter gives us the word which we had heard earlier through other channels that though they had hoped to be here, that in the last minute, their visa was refused from Moscow. They express regret because they had hoped to be here and wished to extend greetings of the Methodist people in Estonia to the delegates of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. They are praying for the Conference.

Bishop Tuell thanked the Conference for its cooperation during the session. Erwin H. Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) expressed appreciation to Bishop and Mrs. Tuell for their leadership. Bishop John Wesley Lord dismissed the Conference with a prayer.

SIXTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 3, 1976
AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop D. Frederick Wertz

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the afternoon session of the sixth day, Monday, May 3, 1976, at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, West Virginia Area, presiding.

Carlton Young led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Be Still, My Soul." Bishop Wertz led in an opening prayer.

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the committee, reported that after some reports which had been printed in the previous day's *Daily Christian Advocate* had been presented, it was the committee's intention to ask for a suspension of the rules to permit consideration of items which had been printed less than the twenty-four hours required by the rules. He then called for *Bruce Blake* (Kansas West) to continue with the report which was under consideration at the end of the morning session.

Committee on Conferences, Report No. 65, Calendar No. 151 (Consideration Resumed)

Mr. Blake: To clarify, the subject at the top is erroneous in part because it should read "Laymembers of General Conference," not just youth members. That was misleading to some because it does deal with the total lay membership. The two changes, changing four years to two years, in relationship to membership, and then require active participation for at least four years.

Two reasons for this were given in the committee—first of all, the fact that because of our mobile society many persons move around, are in locations where there is no United Methodist Church for a time, and then return, and even for adult and young adult members of the General Conference, this is an issue that we discussed. The second reason for this is that many pastors in United Methodist Churches confirm youth in the ninth or tenth grade, which essentially eliminates youth participation at this level of the church if their local pastor chooses to confirm youth at an older age, and therefore, by the time they have been four years members of the church, they are no longer qualified to serve as youth members of the General Conference.

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) moved to amend the report by deleting the words, "one of the constituent churches forming this union or." *Mr. Blake* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee.

H. Sharon Howell (Kansas East) moved to amend the report by deleting the words, "shall have been active participants in The

United Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election." *Ms. Howell* explained that her reason for proposing the deletion of this language was that it leaves unanswered such questions as who would define what active participation means and who will be responsible for enforcing or certifying who has been an active participant for four years. *Mr. Blake* stated briefly the committee's reason for including the language. *John A. Collins* (New York) spoke in support of the report and against the amendment. *Clifford Droke* (California-Nevada) spoke in favor of *Ms. Howell's* amendment. *A. C. Epps* (North Georgia) asked whether the report affected the requirements for election as ministerial delegates; *Mr. Blake* replied that it did not. *Mr. Epps* asked whether there was any other legislation to be presented on that subject; *Mr. Blake* said that there was none in relation to this issue.

William B. Grove (Western Pennsylvania) moved the previous question on all before the Conference, and it was adopted. *Ms. Howell's* amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. The Chair reminded the Conference that the report involved a constitutional amendment and therefore required a two-thirds majority. It was put to a vote, and the Chair stated that it was adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote (see page 1300).

Report No. 66, Calendar No. 152

Mr. Blake explained that this report made the same changes in the requirements for lay membership in annual conferences as had just been voted for General Conference. The Chair stated that this was also a constitutional matter. It was put to a vote, and the Chair ruled that it had been approved by the required two-thirds majority (see page 1301).

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, Report No. 3, Calendar No. 35

Mr. Hodapp called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry and introduced the chairman, *Thomas A. Langford* (Western North Carolina). *Mr. Langford* presented the report and explained that its purpose was to replace present Par. 400 with a new Par. 511 which would be identically worded. *Clifford Droke* (California-Nevada) asked a question regarding the effect of the proposed action. *Mr. Langford* responded that this report was for deletion from the present *Discipline* and that the new material, with the paragraph in its new numbering, would be presented later. The report was adopted (see page 1415).

Report No. 6, Calendar No. 38

Mr. Langford presented the report, a resolution on the subject "National Commission on Higher Education," and it was adopted (see page 1416).

Report No. 7, Calendar No. 39

Mr. Langford presented the report, a resolution on the subject, "Churchwide Support for Institutions of Higher Education." R. Andrew Lady (Central Pennsylvania) suggested that there should be an editorial correction in the last paragraph of the report, so that it would begin, "Be It Further Resolved, that the General Conference and the Annual Conferences . . ." The correction was accepted by *Mr. Langford. Vernon Bigler* (Western New York) called attention to a misprint in the report as printed, and *Mr. Langford* indicated the manner in which the report should be corrected. The report was adopted (see page 1417).

Report No. 9, Calendar No. 41

Mr. Langford presented the report, which dealt with the continuation of the Ministerial Education Fund with the retention of the 2% funding plan for the 1977-80 quadrennium. *James L. Carraway* (Western Pennsylvania) asked whether this item was in conflict with a recommendation which would be coming from the Committee on Financial Administration. *Mr. Langford* stated that it was, and that a decision needed to be made on the appropriate way to handle the matter. *C. W. Hancock* (South Georgia) moved that consideration of the report be postponed until the Committee on Financial Administration made its report on this subject. The motion to postpone was adopted.

Report No. 10, Calendar No. 106

Mr. Langford presented editorial corrections in the report as printed. The report, a resolution on the subject "Churchwide Support for Campus Ministries," was adopted (see page 1419).

Report on Third Judicial Council Ballot

The Chair stated that there was a report on the ballot for members of the Judicial Council and asked the Secretary to read the results.

Mr. Holt (Secretary): Bishop Wertz, members of the Conference, Ballot Number 3, Judicial Council, clergy ballot. Ballots cast, 954; invalid ballots, 24; valid ballots, 930; number needed to elect, 466. Ballot is as follows: Charles B. Copher, 491, and he is elected. Bishop, that completes the clergy. Do you want to read the rest of the clergy votes?

Bishop Wertz: I think it is not necessary. The house does not seem to desire that information.

Mr. Holt: All right. Ballot Number 3 on the Judicial Council for lay members. 954 ballots cast; 25 invalid; 929 valid ballots; number needed to elect, 465. Ballots are as follows: Elizabeth B. Gundlach, 493 and she is elected. The next one, Leonard D. Slutz, 468 and he is elected. Bishop, that completes the Judicial Council regular members needed to be elected.

First Ballot—Judicial Council Alternates

Mr. Holt stated that there were three clergy and four lay persons to be elected as alternate members of the Judicial Council. He gave instructions for the taking of the ballot. The Chair explained further that one of the lay alternate members to be elected would fill the place created by the election of Mrs. Gundlach as a regular member of the Judicial Council, and that the term would expire in four years; the terms of the other six persons to be elected would expire in eight years.

Mr. Holt indicated that two names on the ballot should be stricken: Elizabeth Gundlach, who was elected a regular member, and Crisolito Pascual, whose term as an alternate member had not yet expired. *J. Kenneth Forbes* (South Indiana) asked for the full result of the previous ballot to be read.

Charles White (Assistant Secretary): Continuing the complete ballot after Elizabeth Gundlach who was elected and Leonard Slutz who was elected, Kathryn Mowrey Grove, 272; Tom Reavley, 222; John E. Stumbo, 121; Paul Webb, Jr., 89; Paul V. Shearer, 46; Julia Gibson, 39; Crisolito Pascual, 23; James M. Dolliver, 17; Basil H. Lorch, Jr., 14; Walter Douglas, 13; Rodolfo C. Beltran, 1; but he had withdrawn before that.

Now, the clergy. After Charles B. Copher, who was elected; Alvin J. Lindgren, 126; Wayne W. Coffin, 109; Roy C. Clark, 71; Daniel Garcia, 28; R. Herman Nicholson, 25; Raymond E. Balcomb, 23; Douglas F. Verdin, 20; Robert L. Close, 13; Richard E. Hamilton, 11; G. Eliot Jones, 7; William R. Persons, 4; Clifford E. Trotter, 4.

Augusta Carruth (South Georgia) asked that the names of all Judicial Council alternates whose terms had not expired be read. *Mr. White* identified Paul G. Gilmore, *Will M. Hildebrand, Duncan Hunter, Arnold Madsen,* and Crisolito Pascual as those who would be continuing.

After ascertaining that the ballots had all been collected, the Chair declared the ballot closed.

Committee on Independent Commissions

Mr. Hodapp called on *Hector Navas* (Florida), chairman of the committee, for reports from the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions. *Mr. Navas* asked that the Conference grant the privilege of the floor to Mama Kat Namwan and

Mama Mujing Kamwashi, both of Zaire, and to Tom Cloyd to serve as translator. While they were coming, *Mr. Navas* made a statement regarding when the committee would report back to the Conference on the bicentennial resolution which had been referred to them.

Report No. 15, Calendar No. 30 (see page 1834)

Mr. Navas presented the report, dealing with the creation of a standing Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Pat Stroman (Central Texas) spoke in opposition to the report. Kathryn Carroll (California-Nevada) spoke in support of it. George A. Wright (South Georgia) spoke against it. JoAnne Wilshusen (Southwest Texas) spoke for it.

Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania) moved to amend the report by adding at the end of the first sentence the words, "for the quadrennium 1976-80." She spoke in support of her amendment. *Ben F. Jordan* (North Arkansas) spoke against it. James A. Starr (Detroit) spoke for it.

Barbara R. Thompson (Baltimore): I speak in opposition to the amendment. I agree wholeheartedly that the commission should not have to spend four years defending its existence. If you've had an opportunity to read the report of the commission, and I think we have a very good report—I know that is a biased opinion—but I think that we have well stated the work that we have attempted to do during the last quadrennium. And if you read between the lines, you will see that we have very much been involved with the point of trying to say to the church, "the job is not done."

If we do in fact establish this as a quadrennial commission, we will be wasting time in the process of attempting to defend the fact that the United Methodist Church is not yet fully inclusive. If you will look around you, yes, there are more women present in the General Conference delegations than in previous years. But that came about because of hard work by many committed women and men in the church to make that possible. We are recommending that it should be a standing commission because the job is not done. As we say in our report, we have an over-arching goal that by the end of the century sexism will be eliminated from the life of The United Methodist Church. We feel it should be an independent commission because if it is attached to anybody it is not independent, cannot work, cannot move out and will find itself very much impeded by those who have not yet seen the vision that the church can be inclusive, given the opportunity. So I speak in opposition to the amendment.

Charles Purdham (Minnesota) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) asked a question regarding the cost of continuing the Commission. With respect to the previous question motion, Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia) asked whether there had been the prescribed number of speeches for and against the report. The Chair stated that there had been only one speech against. Kathy LaPoint (California-Nevada) called the Chair's attention to the fact that

there had been two speeches against. *Richard L. Christopher* (South Indiana) asked whether there was any difference between a standing commission and a permanent commission. *Mr. Navas* responded. *Mr. Christopher* asked for further clarification, and *Mr. Navas* responded again. Barbara Thompson (Baltimore) stated that "permanent" and "standing" were synonymous in relation to this issue.

Jerry Bray (Virginia) moved the previous question on the amendment, and the motion was adopted. *Charles White* (Assistant Secretary) read the amendment for the Conference, and it was put to a vote and defeated.

Billy M. Starnes (Tennessee) spoke in favor of adoption of the legislative committee report. *C. W. Hancock* (South Georgia) moved to amend the report by inserting, in the first sentence of the proposed legislation, the words, "and a Commission on the Status and Role of Men." He spoke in support of the amendment. John E. Stumbo (Kansas East) spoke against it. Horace F. Ether moved to defer consideration of the report until certain other calendar items were considered. The Chair observed that the other calendar items in question were nonconcurrence items and would not be considered individually unless the Conference voted for separate consideration of them. Leigh Roberts (Wisconsin) raised a point of order, asking whether the amendment was germane to the proposal contained in the committee report. The Chair ruled that it was not germane, that the establishment of a commission on the status and role of men was a separate question from the establishment of a continuing Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and that the amendment was therefore out of order at this time.

Alice G. Morrison (Oregon-Idaho) moved the previous question on all before the Conference, and the motion was adopted. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) asked again for information as to the cost of the Commission. At the Chair's request, *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) reported that the amount which would be later recommended to the Conference for inclusion in the World Service budget for the commission was $200,000 annually. Calendar No. 30 was put to a vote and was adopted.

Report No. 9, Calendar No. 24

Mr. Navas presented the report, dealing with the establishment of annual conference Commissions on the Status and Role of Women. He asked that the Conference hear a statement from Mama Kat Namwan (Southern Zaire).

Mama Kat Namwan: (Tom Cloyd translates) I'm happy to be with you here at this General Conference. First, in the name of the women in Zaire and for myself,

we pray for peace and happiness in Jesus Christ. It is our desire and the desire of our Conference to work with the women of The United Methodist Church in America, both with the women in America and join with all the women in the world in this great work.

In this new work for women has begun already here in America. This work has already begun here in America for progress for women. The progress for women to become pastors and leaders in the Church has begun here in America. We pray for the women in America to help teach us also so that our Church can move ahead. It is wise and good for us to help each other, and it is good for us to help one another in this time in which we live.

We hope and pray to also be included in the Committee for Women's work. We want to be included and not be apart from, but to be a part of this great women's commission here. The women of America have the experience to help others all over the world and to help us. Don't forget us and to help us as we want to be included in this great endeavor. Thank you very much.

Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania) moved to amend the report by adding, at the end of the first sentence of the proposed legislation, the words "or other structural unit." She spoke in support of the amendment. *Ben F. Jordan* (North Arkansas) spoke against it. Patricia Soderholm moved to amend the amendment to read "or other comparable structural unit"; Mrs. Daugherty accepted the addition to her amendment. *Omega Newman* (South Carolina) opposed the amendment. *S. Clifton Ives* (Maine) observed that there was other legislation being proposed which related to the permissiveness of annual conference structure, that this was a question the Judicial Council had considered, and that it would probably be dealt with again by the Conference. *Arthur B. Oot, Jr.* (Northern New York) spoke in favor of the amendment, arguing that it would be helpful to small annual conferences. Michael Watson (South Carolina) stated that the other legislation to which *Mr. Ives* had referred related only to the four program boards.

Charles Stewart (Florida) moved the previous question, and the motion was adopted. *Charles White* (Assistant Secretary) read the amendment, and it was adopted.

George E. Naff, Jr. (Holston) moved to amend the section of the proposed legislation dealing with the membership of the commissions, the second sentence, by inserting the words, "each member to be a member of The United Methodist Church." He spoke in support of the amendment, and it was adopted.

The report was put to a vote and was adopted as amended (see page 1832).

Matter of Privilege

Mr. Hodapp (Chairman, Committee on Calendar) called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Council on Ministries.

Walter Thompson (Southern New England) was recognized for a matter of privilege.

Mr. Thompson: I would move the following resolution for adoption by this 1976 General Conference of The United Methodist Church: "Because the Boston school crisis has remained unresolved for at least the past twelve years, despite affirmative rulings by the United States Supreme Court, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, the Federal District Court and the Commonwealth's Superior Court of Appeals, and because children are being denied an education, because of vandalism and assault on school property, as well as teachers, parents and students, and because the governor of Massachusetts has employed the National Guard and approved the use of federal marshals to protect the constitutional rights of children and adults in Boston, and also has the support of the Commissioner of the Boston Police Department; and, although Methodism is a numerical minority church in the Boston Area, that nevertheless the resident bishop, Edward G. Carroll, as well as leaders of laity and clergy, have exerted influence far beyond Methodism's numerical strength; and because the United States District Justice W. Arthur Garrity has demonstrated unusual patience, moderation, and yet heroic firmness in complying with decisions of the United States Supreme Court, as well as the clear mandates of the Constitution; and because the members of our Southern New England Annual Conference delegation, present at this General Conference, are deeply concerned and indignant inasmuch as the crisis in Boston is not improving, but gives evidence of becoming more acute, and of dangerous proportions in a region known historically for its commitment to law and order; I ask that this General Conference today condemn and deplore the breakdown of law and order, personal and public security in the Boston area, and specifically the Boston Public Schools, and further use the communications personnel present at this General Conference to proclaim to the nation and to the world our Christian concern for our brothers and sisters in the Metropolitan Boston area." I am signing this, Walter L. Thompson, on behalf of the Southern New England Conference delegation.

The Chair ruled that under the rules of the Conference the resolution would be automatically referred to the Committee on Agenda and would come back to the Conference for consideration at a time determined by that committee.

Committee on Council on Ministries, Report No. 3, Calendar No. 125

G. Ross Freeman (South Georgia), chairman of the legislative committee, presented the report, calling for leadership at all levels of the church to continue the emphasis outlined during the current quadrennium in the Bishops' Call to Peace and Self-Development of Peoples. The report was adopted (see page 1775).

Report No. 1, Calendar No. 123

Mr. Freeman noted that the committee action in this report was for non-concurrence, but that more than ten percent of the committee disagreed with the action of the full committee, and that the report was therefore being brought before the

Conference separately. He called on Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania), vice-chairwoman of the committee, for presentation of the report.

Mrs. Daugherty: This petition refers to the *Discipline*, Par. 828.2, which deals with the matter of making changes in missional priorities necessitated by emergencies or by other significant developments between General Conferences which would substantially affect the life of the church and gives the authority to make adjustments in program allocations accordingly.

The amendment to this as it was proposed would come at the conclusion and I will read a few, it provides for this adjustment to be made after consultation with the affected boards and agencies and approved by two-thirds vote of the Council on Finance and Administration with this to be added ". . . and a two-thirds vote of the Council of Bishops . . ." The reason given for this proposal was that this would involve all three councils in the decision—the General Council on Ministries, the General Council on Finance and Administration and the Council of Bishops. It was the feeling of the committee that the bishops do have input into this decision-making as members of the General Council on Ministries and the GCFA, and also the boards and agencies who would be involved.

Mr. Freeman added a brief additional explanation. *Larry A. Bauman* (North Georgia) spoke in opposition to the recommendation of non-concurrence. The Chair made a statement explaining the effect of positive and negative votes on the report. The report was put to a vote, and the committee recommendation of non-concurrence was defeated (see pages 337, 1775).

Report No. 4, Calendar No. 126

Mr. Freeman: The subject is the Jurisdictional Council on Ministries. Again, there were 65 voting in favor of nonconcurrence and 15 voting against it. The issue here is the two sentences in the 1972 *Book of Discipline* having to do with the Jurisdictional Council on Ministries. There is no suggested outline of purpose or possible organization for such a council as that. The petition which came to us outlined a purpose which is in keeping with the purpose of the General Council on Ministries and basically the same kind of organizational pattern. The committee recommended nonconcurrence, and the minority group felt that it would be well, since it is permissive anyway, if guidelines or suggestions were included for the organization of a Jurisdictional Council on Ministries. The matter, I believe, is before us.

Clifford Droke (California-Nevada) asked a question regarding the preceding action on Report No. 1. He asked whether the effect of the Conference's vote had been to support the petition, or whether an additional action was required. The Chair replied that the same question had been under discussion on the platform, and that the Conference would return to that issue after action on Report No. 4.

James W. Turner (Virginia) asked if *Mr. Freeman* would read the petition, stating that, as a member of the committee, he recalled that the petition set forth rather specifically the

membership of jurisdictional Councils on Ministries. *Mr. Freeman* replied that the membership was outlined, but that the language was all permissive.

Floyd H. Coffman (Kansas East) moved that Report No. 1 be re-referred to the Committee on Council on Ministries. The Chair ruled that the motion was out of order, since a different report was now under consideration.

George A. Wright (South Georgia) spoke in opposition to the committee recommendation of non-concurrence. *Charles Purdham* (Minnesota) spoke in favor of the committee report. Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia) asked that the legislation proposed in the petition be read. Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania), vice-chairwoman of the committee, read the proposed legislation from the petition. *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) moved to amend the petition as read by substituting "may" for "shall" wherever it appeared. The amendment was adopted. *Robert Courtney* (East Ohio) spoke in favor of the committee's non-concurrence recommendation. Fletcher Carter (South Carolina) asked whether a vote to sustain the committee would have any effect on jurisdictional Councils on Ministries now operative. *Mr. Freeman* responded; Mr. Carter asked for further clarification. *Mr. Freeman* stated that supporting the committee position would have no effect on existing structures.

Harry K. Underwood (Baltimore) moved the previous question on all before the Conference, and the motion was adopted. *Charles White* (Assistant Secretary) outlined the parliamentary situation. Leigh Roberts (Wisconsin) asked for clarification; *Mr. White* responded. The committee recommendation of non-concurrence was adopted (see page 1776).

Report No. 1, Calendar No. 123, Consideration Resumed

Floyd H. Coffman (Kansas East) asked that his motion for re-referring this report to the legislative committee, previously ruled out of order, be considered at this time. The Chair stated that by common consent the Conference would return to that item at this time (see pages 335, 1775).

Paul E. Myers (Central Pennsylvania) spoke in opposition to the referral and in support of a role for the Council of Bishops in the changing of missional priorities between sessions of the General Conference. *John A. Collins* (New York) spoke for referral and in opposition to such a role for the Council of Bishops. Kathy LaPoint (California-Nevada) spoke against referral and in favor of the Conference deciding the issue. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) attempted to speak against referral, but the Chair ruled that a speech in favor of it was next

in order. Mary Metzel (Oklahoma) spoke in favor of referral. *Mr. Cromwell* opposed it. *Robert J. McCune* (Central New York) spoke for referral, stating that there were issues which needed to be clarified if the Conference was going to act on the proposal in a positive form.

Melvin M. Finkbeiner (Pacific Northwest) moved the previous question on all before the Conference, and it was adopted. The motion to re-refer the issue to the legislative committee was defeated.

Roy C. Clark (Tennessee) moved to amend Par. 828.2, 1972 *Book of Discipline*, by adding the words, "and approval by a two-thirds vote of the Council of Bishops." He spoke in support of the motion. *Charles Purdham* (Minnesota) asked how to get a count vote on the motion. The Chair advised that he call for a division of the house at the time of the vote. *Clifford Droke* (California-Nevada) asked whether it was the purpose of the amendment to involve the Council of Bishops in voting on budget adjustments or in voting on missional priorities. *Mr. Clark* replied that it was to involve them in changing missional priorities and that he believed the amendment did that.

Mr. Droke moved to amend *Mr. Clark's* motion by placing the reference to the Council of Bishops at a different place in the sentence, so that it would read, "Upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the General Council on Ministries present and voting and upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the Council of Bishops present and voting, the General Council on Ministries may make changes in missional priorities . . ." (the remainder of the section to read as in the 1972 *Book of Discipline*). Horace F. Ether (Eastern Pennsylvania) expressed the view that the Council of Bishops should have input on the allocation of funds for such changes in priorities.

Robert Kesler (Southern California-Arizona): A clarification. I am not quite sure as a Church how it is that we deal with the power-making decision, and I want to ask the question out of my innocence and naivete. The bishops of the Church as a council make their presentation to the church at the General Conference—the state of the Church, their recommendations, etc.—which are then voted upon by the legislative body, the elected lay and clerical representatives—members of the body.

My question in reality is, is the procedure being recommended now giving to the Council of Bishops—not as members of either General Council on Finance and Administration and the General Council on Ministries, but now as a body, a part in the policy-making or decision-making that is really for those who are elected to the legislative bodies? I hope I have not made that so poorly that you cannot understand my question.

At *Mr. Freeman's* request, *Mr. Clark* responded.

Roy C. Clark (Tennessee): As the issue is understood by me in making the motion, we are speaking of changing the missional priorities during a quadrennium; and we are proposing that in that decision the Council of Bishops, as those who have direct supervision of the life of the Church, be involved in that decision. It is my feeling, and the feeling of some who have shared in this viewpoint, that this will provide for those who are daily and weekly and monthly in touch with the life of the Church as it is being fulfilled to be a part of the decision-making process between the sessions of the legislative body.

Paul A. Duffey (Alabama-West Florida) spoke against the motion and the amendment and in favor of the legislative committee's original recommendation of non-concurrence.

John F. Walker (Little Rock) moved the previous question, and it was adopted. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) asked whether *Mr. Clark's* motion or *Mr. Droke's* substitute was before the Conference. The Chair replied that *Mr. Droke's* substitute would be put to a vote first.

L. Bevel Jones (North Georgia) requested that the chairman of the legislative committee give a definitive statement of the rationale that guided the committee in its recommendation of non-concurrence. *Mr. Freeman* stated the issue which was before the committee and the Conference in the petition. *Melvin G. Talbert* (Southern California-Arizona) raised a parliamentary inquiry as to whether *Mr. Freeman* was representing the committee position or the minority position. *Mr. Freeman* responded that the committee rationale was stated in the printed legislative committee report. *Charles White* (Assistant Secretary) read *Mr. Droke's* substitute, and it was adopted. *Charles Purdham* (Minnesota) called for a division of the house, but it failed to receive the one-third vote of the Conference necessary to sustain such a call. *Mr. Droke's* motion, having become the main motion by action of the Conference, was put to a vote and adopted (see page 1775).

Committee on Financial Administration, Report No. 13, Calendar No. 167; Report No. 16, Calendar No. 170

Mr. Hodapp called for reports of the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration. Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio), chairman of the committee, presented the reports, dealing with petitions requesting that the pension of bishops be the same as for other United Methodist ministers. Mr. Moore noted that the committee was recommending non-concurrence on both petitions. The reports were presented and put to a vote separately, and in both cases the committee's recommendation for non-concurrence was supported by the Conference (see pages 1696, 1697).

Report No. 10, Calendar No. 164

Mr. Moore presented the report, dealing with participation in Project Equality, and it was adopted (see page 1695). *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) asked whether there was to be any more specific direction from the General Conference regarding the financial contribution mentioned in the report. Mr. Moore replied that there would be another report presented at another time on that subject.

Question Regarding Letter from Estonian Church

Torrey A. Kaatz (West Ohio) inquired whether there was to be any response from the General Conference to the letter from the Estonian church which had been read at the close of the morning session. *Douglas F. Verdin* (New York) replied that the matter was before the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges and would be reported back with an appropriate response.

Adjournment

J. B. Holt (Secretary) made announcements. Bishop Wertz expressed appreciation to the Conference and to Bishops Mathews and Alton for the cooperation and assistance given him as presiding officer. Bishop T. Otto Nall dismissed the Conference session with prayer.

SIXTH DAY, MONDAY, MAY 3, 1976
EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Eugene M. Frank

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the sixth day, Monday, May 3, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Eugene M. Frank, Arkansas Area, presiding.

Carlton Young introduced the organist for the session, Phillip Baker, organist-choirmaster of the Multnomah United Presbyterian Church, Portland. *Mr. Young* led the Conference in the singing of two stanzas of "He Leadeth Me." Bishop Frank led the Conference in unison prayer.

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Thomas P. Grissom (California-Nevada), secretary of the committee, presented the report. He asked that *Earl B. Carter* (North Arkansas) be recognized for a matter of privilege. *Mr. Carter* reported that the two annual conferences in Arkansas had organized a Joint Committee on the History of Arkansas Methodism, and that under its direction Dr. Walter Vernon had written and compiled a book on that subject. Dr. Vernon joined *Mr. Carter* in presenting the first copy of the new book to Bishop Frank. Bishop Frank expressed appreciation for it.

Report on First Ballot for Judicial Council Alternate Members

J. B. Holt (Secretary) read the results of the ballot.

Mr. Holt: Bishop Frank and members of the Conference, the results of the first ballot for the alternates for the Judicial Council. Votes cast, 932; invalid ballots, 22; valid ballots, 910; number needed for election, 456. The lay ballot is as follows: Tom Reavley, 597, and he is elected. John E. Stumbo, 581, and he is elected. Kathryn Mowrey Grove, 555, and she is elected. Paul Webb, Jr., 454; Paul V. Shearer, 439; Julia Gibson, 319; James M. Dolliver, 248; Walter Douglas, 160; Basil H. Lorch, Jr., 113.

Bishop Frank: Thank you very much. Any further question about this? The clergy? All right, now the clergy report, please.

Mr. Holt: Votes cast, 931; invalid ballots, 20; valid ballots, 911; number needed for election, 456. Clergy votes as follows: Alvin J. Lindgren, 566, and he is elected. Wayne W. Coffin, 456 votes, and he is elected. The other clergy votes: Roy C. Clark, 433; Daniel Garcia, 217; Douglas F. Verdin, 158; Raymond E. Balcomb, 151; Richard E. Hamilton, 149; Robert L. Close, 131; R. Herman Nicholson, 125; Eliot Jones, 106; Clifford E. Trotter, 96; William R. Persons, 51.

Second Ballot for Judicial Council Alternate Members

Mr. Holt gave instructions for preparing the ballot, on which delegates were to vote for one lay and one clergy person. When the ballots had been collected, the Chair declared the ballot closed.

Committee on Central Conference Affairs

Leroy Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the Committee on Central Conference Affairs. Bishop Ole Borgen (Northern Europe Central Conference), chairman of the committee, presented the report. He called attention to the reports as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and stated that they had been presented to and reviewed by the Committee on Conferences and that they had approved them without any further amendments or recommendations. He outlined the contents of the reports and presented some editorial corrections.

Bishop Borgen asked that the Conference act first on Report No. 8, dealing with the division of the Zaire Area. He explained that since the authority of the General Conference is to decide how many bishops will be elected by a Central Conference, the action of the committee was to recommend that the Africa Central Conference be authorized to elect five bishops. Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania) asked a question; the Chair responded. Report No. 8 was adopted (see page 1983).

Bishop Borgen called attention to Report No. 1, section B ("New Requests"), sub-section 1, dealing with the change in name of the Central Conference in the Federal Republic of Germany and West Berlin. He asked for Conference action on this portion of the report, and it was adopted (see page 1976).

Bishop Borgen then presented Report No. 4, dealing with the continuation of the Southwest Philippines Provisional Conference, for adoption. Augusta Carruth (South Georgia) asked a question regarding an action of the 1972 General Conference granting approval for the church in the Philippines to become autonomous. Bishop Borgen explained that permission had been granted for the conferences in the Philippines to become autonomous if they so decided, and that they had not yet made this decision. Report No. 4 was adopted (see page 1980).

Bishop Borgen then presented Report No. 1, Section IIIA, 1-10 for adoption, and that portion of the report was approved (see page 1975). He then presented changes in Section IIIA, 11, and asked for its adoption.

Billy M. Starnes (Tennessee): I'm referring to 11(a), the use of the name "Zimbabwe." I would personally hope, and sincerely pray that this is prophetic,

but as of this date there is no such country. And I question our use of that nomenclature.

Bishop Frank: You may want to speak to that.

Bishop Borgen: There are other people who think there is no such nation as Rhodesia.

Bishop Frank: All right, back here if you please. Microphone 13.

Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr. (Western North Carolina): In the preceding legislation, and in this one, reference is made to the China Central Conference. I would like to know what is the status in regard to that conference. That is, what bishops are in active service and what territory specifically the China Central Conference is now designated to cover.

Bishop Borgen: Well the answer is quite clear, none, but we feel, and the last General Conference did the same, that since we do not have sufficient knowledge nor do we see what lies in the future that it would be unwise to formally delete this from our records since we have experiences from the time after the second World War where there were sections of the Church, as a matter of fact in my area, which we thought had disappeared completely. Nothing was done about the changing and suddenly after about 10 or 12 years after the war we discovered a Church still alive there and there was still a connection, and that is the reason why we suggest that we keep it in until the time has come when it is crystal clear there is nothing more or whether there should be another form of work.

Report No. 1, Section IIIA, 11 was approved (see page 1976).

Section IIIB, 2(a), dealing with proposed changes in Par. 1283, 1972 *Book of Discipline*, was presented for adoption. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) moved that action be deferred until the Committee on Central Conference Affairs and the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order have an opportunity to consult on it. He spoke in support of his motion. Bishop Borgen agreed, and *Mr. Cromwell's* motion was adopted.

Bishop Borgen then presented Section IIIB, 2(b), dealing with a proposed change in Par. 983, and it was adopted (see page 1977).

Report No. 1, Section IIIB, 2(c), dealing with a proposed change in Par. 1082.6, was then presented. Horace F. Ether (Eastern Pennsylvania) asked a question regarding the correlation of this change with another proposed change in Par. 803; Bishop Borgen responded. Section IIIB, 2(c) was adopted (see page 1977).

Bishop Borgen then presented a second proposal to amend Par. 1082.6, contained in Report No. 1, Section IIIB, 2 (d), and it was adopted (see page 1977).

He then presented Section IIIB, 2(e), which was a proposal to amend Par. 646. Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania) asked if it would be in order to propose an amendment to Par. 646.4. Bishop Borgen stated that there was a petition pending on that section, and the Chair asked that Mrs. Barto present her amendment at the time that report was brought before the Conference. Section IIIB, 2(e) was adopted (see page 1977).

Bishop Borgen attempted to present Report No. 1, Section IIIB, 3 for action. The chair asked if he did not intend to present the report to which Mrs. Barto's amendment related at this time. Bishop Borgen replied that that report had not yet been printed. After brief discussion with the Chair, Mrs. Barto moved to delay further action on the committee's report until that report was brought to the floor. Bishop Borgen asked whether Mrs. Barto's concern related to the portion of the report he was trying to present. She replied that it related to Par. 646, which had been amended by action on the previous section of his report. At the Chair's request, *Leroy C. Hodapp* (South Indiana), chairman of the Committee on Calendar, offered as a procedural suggestion that the Conference continue to act on the report as presented by Bishop Borgen, but that action on the report as a whole be delayed until the report in question was printed and considered by the Conference. Mrs. Barto accepted the suggestion. *Vernon Bigler* (Western New York) asked Mrs. Barto to indicate the nature of the concern she wished to raise; she responded.

Bishop Borgen presented Report No. 1, Section IIIB, 3 for action, explaining that it called for a study of Central Conference structures and requested that $5,000 be allocated for such a study. The Chair asked whether the request had been before the Council on Finance and Administration. Bishop Borgen indicated that it had not, and the Chair stated then that the action would be for referral to that Council. Bishop Borgen asked whether it would then be reported back to the Conference, and the Chair stated that it would. The item was adopted and referred (see pages 1977-1978).

Bishop Borgen presented Report No. 2, dealing with a petition to create additional Central Conferences in Africa. He pointed out that the recommendation was to refer this request to the study committee which had just been approved. The report was adopted (see page 1978).

Bishop Borgen presented Report No. 3, explaining that it dealt with the request of the Evangelical Methodist Church in the Philippines to become an affiliated autonomous Methodist church. He explained that this body had come out of the former Methodist church and had been autonomous for many years and was now requesting this relationship, and that the committee was recommending concurrence. The report was adopted (see page 1979).

Bishop Borgen presented Report No. 5, which recommended an extension, until 1980, of the enabling act giving the Philippines Central Conference the right to decide whether it wants to become an affiliated autonomous Methodist Church or remain a

Central Conference. *Clemente S. Zuniga, Jr.* (Philippines) moved to amend the recommendation by inserting after the words "Philippines Central Conference" the phrase "through the annual conferences" and by adding at the end the words, "the same to be decided by the total number of affirmative votes as against the total number of negative votes of said annual conferences." *Mr. Zuniga* explained the reason for his amendment and spoke in support of it. At the Chair's request, he read the amendment again for clarity. *Gregorio R. Bailen* (Northwest Philippines) spoke against it. Michael Watson asked if Bishop Borgen would have a chance to reply to the amendment; the Chair stated that he would. Gloster B. Current (New York) asked if representatives from the Philippines had the opportunity to appear before the committee to present their point of view. Bishop Borgen replied that they had representatives in the committee, and that the petition had come to the committee from the Coordinating Council of the Philippines Central Conference. The Chair asked whether the previous action of the Conference on Report No. 1, Section IIIB, 2(e) (see above, page 343) cared for this matter; Bishop Borgen replied that that is a clarified procedure which would avoid this dilemma. Olivia S. Pascual (Philippines) spoke in support of *Mr. Zuniga's* amendment. *Benjamin B. Soriano* (Mindanao) opposed it.

Bishop Borgen: First of all, we have legislation which gives the right for a Central Conference to negotiate for church union. In order to do that you need to become autonomous, affiliated autonomous, at least. The whole issue pertaining to India, through that issue, the Judicial Council has accepted a procedure as valid which goes as follows: a decision by the Central Conference ratified by the Annual Conferences is a valid decision. We have, in the legislation we just passed, taken care of the problem in that we say that after the Central Conference has made a decision, it should be approved by two-thirds majority of the aggregate votes of the conference or the conferences. For this reason in a fellowship of several Annual Conferences as it is found in a Central Conference, there is a functioning fellowship which will then have something to do with all the Annual Conferences if one or two or more break out. Therefore, it was felt by the committee that in such a case all those who have been influenced by or affected by such a decision should have a voice in this and this is cared for by the aggregate vote and therefore, it seems to me that this procedure outlined most likely will be rather doubtful from a disciplinary sense, in that I question on disciplinary grounds whether a Central Conference can delegate the power like that to the conferences without first passing a decision by itself. So I think I would like for the committee to stand by its petition which is a request from the co-ordinating council that this be extended, and then it is up to the Philippines Central Conference and its Annual Conferences to proceed and satisfy the requirements for two-thirds approval by the Annual Conference if the Central Conference decides for autonomy.

The amendment was put to a vote and defeated. Report No. 5 was adopted (see page 1981).

Bishop Borgen presented Report No. 6 and explained that it was simply a formal recognition of what the Judicial Council had already declared, that the Methodist Church of Southern Asia is a continuing Central Conference of The United Methodist Church. The report was adopted (see page 1981).

Elliot Clive (Delhi): Mr. Chairman, at this time I believe that it would be quite appropriate to place on record the gratitude of the Methodist membership in Southern Asia, a Central Conference, for the sympathetic judicial review of our request by the Judicial Council. We are grateful to this General Conference for extending a welcome and full participation of fellowship in full relation to us.

The Chair asked if the Conference would adopt *Mr. Clive's* statement as a resolution, and it was adopted.

Bishop Borgen presented Report No. 7, dealing with an amendment to Par. 646.5, which set forth the process by which an autonomous church may become an affiliated autonomous Methodist or affiliated united church. *Vernon Bigler* (Western New York) asked a question; Bishop Borgen replied. Augusta Carruth (South Georgia) asked for a definition of an affiliated autonomous church; Bishop Borgen explained. The report was adopted (see page 1982).

Composition of Commission on Central Conference Affairs

Augusta Carruth (South Georgia) moved that the Commission on Central Conference Affairs have representation, both division members and staff, from the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries, and also representation on the executive committee. After brief discussion between the Chair, Bishop Borgen, and Mrs. Carruth, it was agreed that this would be a matter of reference to the Committee on Reference. Mrs. Carruth spoke in support of her motion. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) asked that the report back from this referral include information about any cost involved in the action. *William P. Bailey* (Memphis), chairman of the Committee on Reference, questioned whether the motion should be referred to that committee. *Gregorio R. Bailen* (Northwest Philippines) moved to amend the motion to provide that the reference be to the Committee on Central Conference Affairs. Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) spoke in favor of the amendment. The amendment was adopted. Mrs. Carruth's motion, as amended, was adopted.

Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania) asked whether the Committee on Central Conference Affairs would have the authority to add members to the committee, under the reference just made to it. Bishop Borgen replied that the committee would bring back a recommendation to the Conference for its decision.

Negail R. Riley (Little Rock) suggested that under the Plan of Organization the action just taken might have been referred to the Legislative Committee on Conferences. The Chair replied that the Conference had already taken a different action, but that nothing precluded the Committee on Central Conference Affairs from taking the matter to the legislative committee. Bishop Borgen stated that this would be done.

Matter of Privilege

William V. S. Tubman, Jr. (Liberia): Mr. Chairperson, a matter of privilege. I have sat here and have kept silent on a rather visual incongruity. I refer to the board behind you—Horizons and I see Third World as a horizon. I am so confused about which is the First World, which is the Second World, Third, or Fourth World. Politically, the term Third World is sometimes used to refer to nonaligned countries or to that group of countries referred to as developing countries. But as Methodists I thought the Horizon in keeping with the mandate of Christ was to go out to preach to all nations and therefore the world is our horizon and not a third world. Additionally from the standpoint of the Christian world as it exists, Liberia for example has had Methodism for more than a 150 years. There is religious freedom complete in the country as it is in several African countries. We understand that in Communist countries this is not true. Is it then the Communist countries that are the third world that you are referring to? Or is it the African countries? I would therefore suggest that the Third be deleted and the world become the Horizon of the General Conference. Thank you.

Rule Suspended

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the Committee on Calendar, moved that the rule requiring calendar items to be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* twenty-four hours before consideration be suspended, in order to permit consideration of items which had been printed in Monday's *Daily Christian Advocate*. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by the required two-thirds majority.

Committee on Conferences, Report No. 75, Calendar No. 251

Bruce Blake (Kansas West), chairman of the committee, presented the report, dealing with the right of annual conferences to determine their own program board structure. *Mr. Blake* noted that it was intended as a replacement for a paragraph on which the Judicial Council had ruled adversely. He said that if the Conference adopted this report he would move to request a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council as to the constitutionality of this proposed paragraph. He also pointed out that it applied only to the four major program boards at the annual conference level, and that the thinking of the legislative committee was that it would be better to deal with the commissions individually.

Merrell D. Geible (North Indiana) called attention to an editorial correction in the new legislation as printed. John Chittum (East Ohio) asked a question about the relationship between this proposal and one being considered by another legislative committee that one of these boards be mandatory in annual conferences. *Mr. Blake* replied that the chairpersons of the legislative committees had conferred and agreed that no legislation contradictory to this paragraph would be presented for action until this report had been considered by the Conference and, if adopted, until Judicial Council action was reported. If this paragraph was adopted and deemed constitutional, legislation from other committees would be adjusted accordingly.

Alferd E. Wilken (Iowa) asked about the scope of the material included in the report under consideration; *Mr. Blake* responded. *Edward L. Duncan* (Detroit) spoke in favor of the report. It was adopted (see page 1305).

Mr. Blake moved that the Conference request the Judicial Council to make a declaratory decision as to the constitutionality of the action just taken. The motion was adopted.

Legislative Committee on Council on Ministries, Report No. 8, Calendar No. 190

G. Ross Freeman (South Georgia), chairman of the committee, presented the report, a resolution dealing with one of the recommendations from the Study on Church Membership Trends, and it was adopted (see page 1777).

Report No. 9, Calendar No. 191

Mr. Freeman presented the report, a resolution dealing with the establishment of special study commissions, committees, or task groups by the General Conference. Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania), vice-chairwoman of the legislative committee, made a supporting statement, relating the report to one of the general recommendations included in the "Evaluation Report on the General Program Agencies of The United Methodist Church," submitted to the Conference by the General Council on Ministries. The report was adopted (see page 1777).

Committee on Global Ministries, Report No. 6, Calendar No. 270

Forrest C. Stith (Baltimore), chairman of the committee, presented the report, dealing with an amendment to the legislation governing the United Methodist Development Fund. The report was adopted (see page 1550).

Report No. 9, Calendar No. 273

Mr. Stith presented the report, which was the committee's response to the Episcopal Address, and it was adopted (see page 1551).

Report No. 10, Calendar No. 274

Mr. Stith presented the report, recommending the referral of petitions related to the needs of handicapped persons to the Division of Health and Welfare Ministries, and it was adopted (see page 1552).

Report No. 11, Calendar No. 275

Mr. Stith explained that the petition called for maintaining work in the area of mission education for children and youth and that the report recommended reference to the Women's Division. The report was adopted (see page 1552).

Report No. 12, Calendar No. 276

Mr. Stith: . . . There were some more petitions also related to this, specifically concerned with guaranteed salary support for the clergy of the Rio Grande Conference. What they have asked for specifically in this proposal is that the conference Board of Missions of the Rio Grande Conference respectfully petition the General Conference herein to provide a guaranteed sum of $350,000 for salary supplement support each year of the 1977-80 quadrennium for Rio Grande Conference clergy, and that a five percent cost of living increase be added each year in order to keep up with the basic cost of living increase in the salary of each minister. We did not feel that we could ask the General Conference to vote such dollars without also voting the total budget specifications of the Board of Global Ministries in the National Division, and all the involvements therein, but we do have support for what the Rio Grande Conference is seeking, and so our recommendation here is to refer this to the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries for its interest and action.

Jose Galindo (Rio Grande): Mr. Chairman, I am a member of this committee, and you omitted the following statement. Let me read to you: "In referring this petition to the National Division, we urge the Division give this request its most serious consideration, due to the fact that it is an urgent need." That's what we approved.

Mr. Stith explained that the additional language had been added to committee action on a different petition, that the report on that petition had not yet been printed, and that that was the reason he could not technically report it as an action of the committee on this report. *Mr. Galindo* moved to amend this report by adding the sentence he had cited. *Mr. Stith* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee, and the report was adopted as amended (see page 1552).

Report No. 15, Calendar No. 279

Mr. Stith presented the report, which recommended referral of

petitions dealing with a federal union of churches to the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division. The report was adopted (see page 1553).

Report No. 16, Calendar No. 280

Mr. Stith presented the report, a resolution inviting other Christian churches to a discussion of cooperation and association and possible merger. He noted that the recommendation was for concurrence and referral to the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) moved to amend the report by substituting the term "union" for "merger."

Dr. Outler: "Merger" as a technical term in the ecumenical discussions means one thing and for many people it means something rather fearful. There are other possibilities of organic union than institutional merger, and it would give us a wider range both of dialogue and negotiation if we would say "union" instead of "merger."

The amendment was put to a vote and adopted. The report as amended was adopted (see page 1553).

Report No. 17, Calendar No. 281

Mr. Stith explained that the report requested the drafting of a statement on Christian unity and that it recommended referral to the Council of Bishops. The report was adopted (see page 1553).

Motion to Extend Time

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana) moved that the time of adjournment be set at 10:00 p.m., one-half hour later than stated in the approved agenda. The motion was defeated. *Mr. Hodapp* observed that he had had no opportunity to speak in behalf of the motion. The Chair replied that the vote had been quite decisive.

Committee on Administrative Order, Report No. 26, Calendar No. 171

David A. Duck (South Georgia), chairman of the committee, presented the report, dealing with the church membership of ministers who surrender their credentials under charges. *Charles A. Tyler* (South Indiana) asked whether the report dealt with similar situations involving lay pastors; *Mr. Duck* replied that it did not. *Mr. Tyler* stated that he would like to see the similar paragraphs dealing with lay pastors included in the report. *William O. Walker* (Oregon-Idaho) asked if it were not true that a lay pastor already holds church membership in a local church; *Mr. Duck* answered that that is the case. Harry Kent

(South Carolina) called attention to an editorial correction which needed to be made in the printed report; *Mr. Duck* accepted the correction. *Ted Richardson* (Southwest Texas) moved to amend the new language in the report by inserting the word "former" before "minister's membership"; *Mr. Duck* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee. *David L. Dykes, Jr.* (Louisiana) asked a question; *Mr. Duck* responded. *Mr. Dykes* asked for further clarification; *Mr. Duck* responded. *Clarence Borger* (Kansas West) asked a question about the terminology used in the report; *Mr. Duck* responded. *Mr. Borger* pressed the question; *Mr. Duck* responded. *Alva H. Clark* (Nebraska) asked about the relationship of the paragraph being amended by this report to Par. 368 (1972 *Discipline*).

C. J. Lupo, Jr. (South Carolina): I think this is precisely the point. I was on this legislative committee, and several places the *Discipline* is not in keeping with itself. The reference that was just given in Par. 368, also in 370.3, which deals specifically with a minister under complaints or charges and the reference there says, "The credentials shall be surrendered to the district superintendent for deposit with the secretary of the conference. And their membership may be transferred to a local church." Which answers the question about transfer. "Transferred to a local church which they designate after consultation with the pastor." It was partly the reasoning of the Committee to bring the reference that is right before us now into harmony with the *Discipline,* because without amendment it seems to say that when you terminate under charges or complaints you are expelled and you have no posibility of transfer of membership. It doesn't say you can't join over, but it says you don't have any continuing relationship. The Committee was trying to say, let's guarantee some kind of counseling, and recognizing that the district superintendent may not be the best person or the one in position to serve as counselor if he has been in an administrative position, that the bishop or the superintendent and the pastor of the church which he may wish to relate to may need to be involved in the conference.

The Chair noted that it was past the time set for adjournment. Harry K. Underwood (Baltimore) moved the previous question, and it was adopted. *Mr. Duck* declined the opportunity to make a final statement for the committee. The report was adopted (see page 1877).

Adjournment

J. B. Holt (Secretary) made announcements. Bishop Frank expressed appreciation to the Conference for its kindness to him during the session, and to Bishop Don Holter, Nebraska Area, for assisting him as he presided. Bishop W. Earl Ledden (Retired) gave the benediction, and the session was adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1976
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr.

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the seventh day, Tuesday, May 4, 1976, at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., New Jersey Area, presiding.

Devotional Service

Following the Organ Prelude, the Conference joined in the singing of the hymn, "Rise to Greet the Sun." Three choral selections were presented by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Choir, under the direction of Harry Folsom. Elaine Woodworth (Pacific Northwest), the liturgist for the service, read the Scriptures, John 3:16-21 and Luke 10:25-37, and led the Conference in two Collects for Eastertide. The devotional sermon, entitled "Who Is My Neighbor?" was preached by Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy, Seattle Area (see page 788). The closing hymn was "O Master of the Waking World."

Bishop Taylor expressed appreciation to Bishop Choy and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Choir for their part in the devotional service.

Committee on Agenda

Thomas Whitehead (Oregon-Idaho) reported for the committee and moved adoption of the agenda for Tuesday, May 4, as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The agenda was adopted as printed.

Committee on Presiding Officers

Martha S. Ross (Baltimore), committee secretary, reported that Bishop Taylor had been chosen to preside at this session, that Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Richmond Area, would preside at the afternoon session, and that Bishop James K. Mathews, Washington Area, would preside at the evening session.

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Rhoda A. Peters (Louisville) reported for the committee; she offered the following resolution:

Mrs. Peters: "Whereas the delegates of this conference, their families and friends, enjoyed on Sunday, May 2, 1976, a day of superb Oregon hospitality, and whereas the Oregon-Idaho Celebration at the Paramount Theatre on Sunday evening was a meaningful celebration of our heritage, revealing both our strengths and our insensitivities, and whereas that celebration was also a ringing challenge to participate in the future as spirits set free in Christ, be it resolved that we give a standing ovation to our Oregon-Idaho hosts who have so greatly enriched our lives and in the words of one of our founders 'have so strangely warmed our hearts' in the sharing of their witness with us." Bishop Taylor, I would like to move the adoption of this resolution and suggest that we then take appropriate action.

The resolution was adopted, and the Conference responded with a standing ovation.

Mrs. Peters requested that Erwin Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) be recognized for a matter of privilege. Mr. Schwiebert reported that *Robert W. Burtner* (Oregon-Idaho), who had been hospitalized just prior to the opening of the Conference, was making a good recovery. He asked for continuing prayers by members of the Conference for *Mr. Burtner's* full and speedy recovery.

Mrs. Peters asked that *Thomas Roughface, Sr.* (Oklahoma Indian Missionary) be recognized for a statement regarding the choir which had sung at the devotional service.

Mr. Roughface: Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak just a brief word for our choir, to say a word of thanks to those agencies and individual churches who helped to make it possible for our young people to be here this morning. I would like to introduce to you the director of the choir—a member of the Choctaw Tribe, pastor and campus minister of the Lawrence United Methodist Church and Haskell Indian Junior College of Lawrence, Kans., Mr. Harry Folsom.

Mr. Chairman, our choir is representing today to us 16 different tribes from ten different states. And it is with a great sense of pride that the delegation from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference presents to you our choir from the Haskell Indian Junior College and various areas of our work. Thank you very much.

Matter of Privilege

Roy E. Blessing (West Virginia) was recognized for a matter of privilege and made a statement of appreciation on behalf of the West Virginia delegation for Bishop Wertz's leadership in presiding over the Monday afternoon session of the Conference, and also for his leadership in the West Virginia Area during the past eight years.

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana) introduced Jim A. Egan (Oklahoma), a member of the committee, for a procedural motion. Mr. Egan moved that "when the house fails to support a non-concurrence recommendation from a legislative committee,

the calendar report be returned to that legislative committee to perfect and to submit a new calendar report stating positively the minority viewpoint which the house has affirmed." Mr. Egan spoke in support of the motion. *A. C. Epps* (North Georgia) spoke against the motion. Mary A. Hampton (Missouri West) asked whether action on this motion would affect the action the Conference had taken the previous day on a report of this kind; the Chair replied that the previous day's action would not be affected. Ms. Hampton spoke in support of the motion. Paul Hardin (Northern New Jersey) opposed it. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) spoke for it.

The Chair stated that someone had called for the previous question, and the previous question motion was approved. Mr. Egan's motion was put to a vote and defeated.

Mr. Hodapp introduced C. R. Hager (Kentucky), vice-chairman of the Committee on Calendar, who called on *David A. Duck* (South Georgia), chairman of the Committee on Administrative Order, to present reports from that committee.

Report on Second Ballot for Judicial Council Alternates

The Chair interrupted to announce that the results of the second ballot for alternate members of the Judicial Council were ready.

J. B. Holt (Secretary): Ballot number two, alternates to the Judicial Council, clergy vote: ballots cast, 846; invalid ballots, 17; valid ballots, 829; number needed to elect, 415. The vote: Roy C. Clark, 436, and he is elected. This completes the clergy alternate group.

Lay ballot number two, alternates to the Judicial Council: ballots cast, 846; invalid ballots, 16; valid ballots, 830; number needed to elect, 416. There is no election. The votes: Paul Webb, Jr., 363; Paul D. Shearer, 277; Julia Gibson, 132; James M. Dolliver, 41; Walter Douglas, 25; Basil H. Lorch, Jr., 16.

Mr. Holt gave instructions for the ballot for the remaining lay alternates to be elected. After all of the ballots had been received, the Chair declared the ballot closed.

Procedural Motion

John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois): I move that all legislative reports that contain requests for funds not provided for in the CFA suggested (budget) be held for final action until we have the CFA reports before us so that we may understand the full implications of all the financial requests coming to this conference. In this way we can make rational decisions on the amounts of budgeted money that we wish to approve.

G. Ross Freeman (South Georgia) asked a question for clarification of the effect of the proposed action; Mr. Van Sickle

responded. *Mr. Freeman* stated that he did not oppose the motion if it would not prevent the Conference from considering and discussing reports with funding implications, including discussion of funding methods, before referring them to the Council on Finance and Administration. *Richard D. Tholin* (Northern Illinois) opposed the motion. *Benjamin R. Oliphint* (North Texas) spoke in favor of it. John T. King (Southwest Texas) spoke against it.

Thomas Whitehead (Oregon-Idaho) moved to amend the motion to provide for the printing of the Council on Finance and Administration report in the next *Daily Christian Advocate*, either the special edition this afternoon or the next morning's edition. *Merrill Drennan* (Baltimore) asked a question about the additional publication being requested, stating that all of the Council's reports were already published, and that legislative committee recommendations on them would be coming as calendar items. *Mr. Whitehead* asked whether Council reports on matters referred to them since the Conference began had been printed. *Mr. Drennan* replied that the only matter newly referred to the Council was the missional priority on world hunger, that the Council had made a recommendation concerning the funding of this priority through the Advance, and that that action was not in the Council report because the Council did not have the authority to direct an Advance special, but could only refer such a recommendation to the Advance Committee.

Gordon G. Thompson (North Georgia) asked for guidance from the Chair as to how to get the Council on Finance and Administration report before the Conference for action. The Chair replied that it was the responsibility of the Committee on Agenda to recommend when that report would be considered. *Leroy C. Hodapp* (South Indiana), chairman of the Committee on Calendar, asked Tom Moore (East Ohio), chairman of the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration, whether sufficient material had been printed to allow earlier action on Council on Finance and Administration reports. *Mr. Thompson* referred to the Council report as printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate.*

Mr. Moore: Mr. Chairman, CF and A and the legislative committee have anticipated that which might eventually be voted by the body of General Conference, but that is only an anticipation. So far, General Conference has not established missional priorities. That must be done first. After the missional priorities have been established, then CF and A and the legislative committee can say that our determination will be finalized. This can, then, go to the floor of General Conference; but if you wish to speak money before you speak priorities, you are putting the cart before the horse. This body must establish its priorities first.

Mr. Whitehead withdrew his amendment, stating that it was his understanding from the discussion that the Conference did have the budget already before it in a way that would permit it to consider priorities and funding at the same time.

Clifford Droke (California-Nevada): It seems to me, Bishop, that it is not the assumption that we will be able to act on financial matters at the same time we are establishing priorities, and I am somewhat surprised to hear some of my colleagues in this Conference speak as if it were possible to establish priorities and vote "X" sums of dollars without an opportunity to look at the total, the grand total, that we will be voting on apportionment to the churches.

It seems to me it is part of the process of determining priorities, that those priorities inevitably have impact on the rest of the budget. We are not gathered here to increase a recommended grand total on apportionments from 52 million up to 75 or 100 million, because we know that kind of increase in apportionment is not wise and would not be available. If the Conference votes some priorities that it wants to include in the apportionments to the churches, we may want to increase that total some. We may also want to decrease some other items in the budget as a way of saying these really all are our priorities. I do not see how we can act on financial matters until the General Conference has expressed its will on priorities and we have a chance to see the total figure that we are looking at.

At the Chair's request, the Assistant Secretary read Mr. Van Sickle's motion, and it was approved.

Legislative Committee on Administrative Order, Report No. 31, Calendar No. 176

David A. Duck (South Georgia), chairman of the committee, presented the report, dealing with a records management program for general boards and agencies. He stated that the recommendation was for concurrence and reference to the Commission on Archives and History. The report was adopted (see page 1878).

Report No. 32, Calendar No. 177

Mr. Duck explained that the report was a resolution designating the Advent and Christmas seasons of 1984 as a time of celebrating the bicentennial of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America; it was adopted (see page 1878).

Report No. 33, Calendar No. 178

Mr. Duck presented the report, which provided for the rearrangement of the sequence of Pars. 1530-1560 of the 1972 *Discipline,* and it was adopted (see page 1879).

Report No. 35, Calendar No. 180

Mr. Duck presented the report, dealing with a revision of Par. 4 of the Constitution, and noted that the recommendation was for

nonconcurrence. The nonconcurrence recommendation was approved (see page 1879).

Report No. 36, Calendar No. 181

Mr. Duck presented the report, explaining that it dealt with petitions on the subject of non-discrimination because of age and that the recommendation was for referral to the General Council on Ministries for study and a report to the 1980 General Conference. The report was adopted (see page 1880).

Report No. 38, Calendar No. 218

Mr. Duck stated that the subject of the report was a re-evaluation of the quota system in relation to membership on boards and agencies, and that the recommendation was for concurrence and reference to the General Council on Ministries. The report was approved (see page 1880).

Committee on Global Ministries, Report No. 7, Calendar No. 271

C. R. Hager (Kentucky), Committee on Calendar, called on *Forrest C. Stith* (Baltimore), chairman of the committee, for the presentation of reports. *Mr. Stith* presented the report, identifying it as an amendment to the disciplinary sentence which enumerates the sources of funding for UMCOR. After brief discussion between the Chair, the Secretary, and *Mr. Stith* regarding the scope of the material covered in the report, it was adopted (see page 1551).

Committee on Local Church, Report No. 3, Calendar No. 282

Mr. Hager called on Woodrow Seals (Texas), chairman of the committee, for the presentation of reports. Mr. Seals presented the report, dealing with amendments to the legislation related to the local church Council on Ministries. The report was adopted (see page 1629).

Report No. 4, Calendar No. 283

Mr. Seals explained that the report dealt with the age requirement for membership on local church Boards of Trustees; it was approved (see page 1630).

Report No. 5, Calendar No. 284

Mr. Seals presented the report, stating that it was a recommendation of non-concurrence on a petition dealing with the manner of election of the chairman of a local church Board of Trustees; the nonconcurrence recommendation was adopted (see page 1630).

Report No. 6, Calendar No. 285

Mr. Seals presented the report, dealing with the relationship between the terms "trustee" and "director"; it was approved (see page 1631).

Report No. 7, Calendar No. 286

Mr. Seals presented a correction to be made in the report as printed, which dealt with the legislation governing the reporting of trusts in which the local church is beneficiary. The report was adopted (see page 1631).

Report No. 8, Calendar No. 287

Mr. Seals explained that the purpose of the proposed amendment to the *Discipline* was to provide for public notice of the sale of abandoned local church property. Earle N. Cooper (Troy) asked for clarification as to whether the reference to "thirty days before the sale" meant "before the contract, before the closing, or before the conference authorizes the sale?" Mr. Seals responded. Mr. Cooper asked for additional clarification; Mr. Seals replied that he could not answer Mr. Cooper's question.

> ***Mr. Cooper:*** . . . Then I would speak in opposition to this because you are going to foul up more titles than there are people here.
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> ***Mr. Seals:*** No, this will not foul up the titles. This is in the *Discipline* only, it has nothing to do with legal titles, it is only for the benefit of persons who are interested in the sale of the property. It has nothing to do with legal title of the property which is governed by state law. This is only for the benefit of persons in the community who have an emotional interest in property and would like to know a little in advance when it is going to be sold.

The Chair asked if the committee wished to withdraw the item and bring it back later in a different form; Mr. Seals replied that he would rather have it amended on the Conference floor, if clarification was needed. Mr. Cooper stated that he did not wish to amend the report, only to defeat it.

Herbert Doggett (Baltimore) moved to amend the proposed addition by inserting the words "date of" before "sale." *Joseph R. Graham* (West Ohio) spoke against the report. Don Hand (Southwest Texas) moved as a substitute for *Mr. Doggett's* amendment the insertion of the words "property is offered for" before "sale." Mr. Seals accepted the substitute on behalf of the committee.

The Chair stated that there had been a call for the previous question, and the motion for the previous question was adopted. *John V. Moore* (California-Nevada) attempted to raise a point of order, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order at this time.

W. D. Cotton (Louisiana) raised a point of order that the vote for the previous question motion was not in order, because no opportunity had been given for the requisite number of speeches on the main motion.

Recess

The Chair stated that the time set for recess had arrived. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) made announcements. Following recess *Carlton Young* led in the singing of the hymn, "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory."

Report No. 8, Calendar No. 287 (Consideration Resumed)

The Chair made a statement regarding the parliamentary situation and stated that he would recognize one more speaker for the report, and that this would fulfill the required number of speeches. Mr. Seals suggested that the Chair recognize a delegate who had been a member of the sub-committee which had developed the report.

Walter E. Mischke, Jr. (Memphis): This concerns abandoned property only. I think that needs to be understood. There's no intent in this to interfere with the processes of the church in disposition or handling of property, certainly no intention to complicate that procedure. But the idea is that when you have, especially in the rural area, in the open country area, small churches that may have been abandoned for a number of years and the time comes to dispose of this property, you have persons in those communities whose roots—they may not even be members of that church—but family roots go real deep.

And these people need an opportunity to know that this sale is coming up. They may be people unknown to the authorities, the church authorities, and we may not be able to get them word, so a public notice in a county paper would suffice and give them an opportunity to have at least a forum to express their feeling, deep feelings about this matter.

Therefore, when the property is finally disposed of, they cannot say that it was done in some manner that prohibited them from getting involved in it. We feel that this is something that will be very good for public relations in those areas where we have to be concerned about that.

Rodolfo C. Beltran (Middle Philippines) asked a question; Mr. Seals responded. Mr. Beltran asked another question, and Mr. Seals responded. The report was put to a vote and adopted (see page 1631).

Report No. 9, Calendar No. 288

Mr. Seals presented the report, which consisted of amendments to the 1972 *Discipline*, Par. 1443, dealing with churches in static and declining population areas; it was adopted (see page 1631).

Report No. 10, Calendar No. 289

Mr. Seals presented the report, which consisted of an amendment to the disciplinary legislation governing a local church building program. Norbert Sukovaty (Nebraska) asked what was meant by "value" as used in the proposed legislation. Mr. Seals responded that he assumed it meant the present cash value. He asked that *Melvin M. Finkbeiner* (Pacific Northwest), chairman of the sub-committee which had considered this report, respond to subsequent questions.

James W. Turner (Virginia): Bishop Taylor, I would like to ask the chairman about the last sentence, where it says the Study Committee's findings become a part of the report of the district Board of Church Location and to the Conference Review Committee on Building and Church Extension. Is this a mandatory review of the district committee's work, or is this the opportunity for a local church to ask for a review?

Melvin M. Finkbeiner (Pacific Northwest): In answer to that, Bishop, this is an opportunity for that body within the conference Board of Global Ministries, whatever it might be called, to have an opportunity to review it also, but the primary responsibility rests with the district Board of Church Location and Building. The intent of this paragraph, it becomes number 1 in that paragraph on construction, and the intent of this is that the local church shall in fact make a study prior to the time when any decision has been made. So often, in my experience as a superintendent, at least, a local church will—people within the local church will—have already made decisions which it's very difficult to influence by the district Board of Church Location and the district superintendent in keeping with the total strategy of the district's work of The United Methodist Church. This requires then that a local church will in fact make a very detailed and careful study of its program and needs prior to the time of then moving—launching a building program.

Mr. Turner asked again whether the review by the conference agency was mandatory under the proposed legislation; *Mr. Finkbeiner* replied that it was not. William B. Rollins (Southern California-Arizona) asked whether the role assigned the Conference Review Committee on Building and Church Extension could be fulfilled by a comparable conference body if an annual conference did not have such a committee. *Mr. Finkbeiner* replied that it could. Mr. Rollins suggested that the words "or appropriate body" be added to the report; Mr. Seals accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee.

John B. Russell (Virginia) spoke in opposition to the report. *Mr. Finkbeiner* responded. *John P. Miles* (Little Rock) spoke in favor of it. *Richard D. Pittenger* (South Dakota) made a brief remark and moved to suspend the rules to permit a vote on the report. The Chair ruled that he had made a speech and that his motion to close debate was therefore not in order.

Clifford Droke (California-Nevada) moved to amend the report

by deleting the words "or a parsonage"; he spoke in support of the amendment. The amendment did not carry.

Willard A. Zellmer (Pacific Northwest) moved the previous question on all before the Conference, and the motion was adopted. The report was put to a vote and was approved (see page 1632).

Report No. 11, Calendar No. 290

Mr. Seals presented the report, which dealt with a portion of the legislation governing local church building programs. *Mr. Finkbeiner* added a brief explanation. *Joseph R. Graham* (West Ohio) asked about the procedure to be followed when there were duplicate reports from various legislative committees. The Chair replied that if the reports were identical, the first one adopted would care for the matter and there would be no need to present the others. The report was adopted (see page 1633).

Report No. 12, Calendar No. 291

Mr. Seals presented the report, and *Mr. Finkbeiner* explained that its purpose was to delete a redundant phrase in the legislation dealing with parsonage equity on pastoral charges with two or more churches. The report was adopted (see page 1633).

Report No. 13, Calendar No. 292

Mr. Seals explained that the purpose of the report was to change the title of the disciplinary section dealing with the local church Council on Ministries. *Joseph G. Stapleton* (Peninsula) called attention to Report No. 80 of the Committee on Administrative Order and noted that it contained a differing recommendation on this same subject. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) observed that the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order designates, by disciplinary paragraph number, the items which should be assigned to each legislative committee, and that it should not have been possible for this item to be assigned to the Committee on Administrative Order. The Chair suggested that the conflict be resolved by the Committee on Calendar. Mr. Seals objected, stating that it would be a simple matter for someone to seek to amend the report now under consideration and for the Conference to decide the issue in this manner.

H. Dan Rice (North Georgia) moved to amend the report so that the heading of the disciplinary section would read "The Council on Ministries of the Local Church and Parish." *Mr. Rice* spoke in support of the amendment. Mr. Seals accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee. *David A. Duck* (South

Georgia), chairman of the Committee on Administrative Order, asked that this action also be registered as approval of that committee's Report No. 80; the Chair replied that if the two reports are identical, the first one adopted would take care of the second. *H. Glenn Biddle* (West Ohio) spoke against the report and in favor of the heading as it read in the 1972 *Discipline*. The report as amended was adopted (see pages 1634, 1890).

Mr. Seals stated that the Legislative Committee on Local Church had completed its work and that the remainder of the reports would be printed in the next day's *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, Report No. 11, Calendar No. 192

Mr. Hager (Committee on Calendar) called on *Thomas A. Langford* (Western North Carolina), committee chairman, for reports from the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry.

Dr. Langford presented the report, explaining that it was a resolution on the subject, "The Mission of The United Methodist Church in Its Institutions of Higher Education." He called attention to editorial changes to be made in the printed text. The report was adopted (see pages 1419-1432).

Report No. 14, Calendar No. 195

Dr. Langford explained that the report recommended concurrence with the Introduction and Sections I, II, III, IV, V, and VI of the report of the Commission to Study the Ministry; it was adopted (see page 1433).

Report No. 15, Calendar No. 196

Dr. Langford presented the report, dealing with the recommended text to be included in the *Book of Discipline*, Part IV, Chapter I, entitled "The Ministry of All Christians." He explained changes recommended by the legislative committee in the text submitted by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The report was adopted (see page 1433).

Report No. 16, Calendar No. 197

Dr. Langford presented the report, which recommended concurrence with that portion of the report of the Commission to Study the Ministry entitled "Guidelines for Recognition of Diaconal Ministry." *Richard W. Harrington* (Western New York) explained the legislative committee's amendment to the Commission report. *Walter N. Kalaf* (Florida) moved as a

substitute for the legislative committee's amendment that the following sentence be inserted after the second sentence in V, b): "The study shall provide for appropriate consultation with the Division of Ordained Ministry." He spoke in support of his proposed substitute. *Mr. Langford* accepted the substitute on behalf of the committee. John T. Lundy (Holston) asked a question regarding the standards referred to in the Commission report text; *Mr. Harrington* replied that those provisions would be in subsequent calendar items. The report was adopted (see page 1436).

Report No. 17, Calendar No. 198

Dr. Langford presented the report, consisting of proposed legislation for *The Book of Discipline*, Part IV, Chapter Three, entitled, "The Diaconal Ministry." The report was adopted (see page 1436).

Report No. 18, Calendar No. 199

Dr. Langford presented the report, which recommended concurrence with new legislation governing the "status and emoluments of an elder who served as a bishop of a Central Conference up to the time of retirement." The report was adopted (see page 1440).

Report No. 19, Calendar No. 200

Dr. Langford presented the report, which was the text for the new disciplinary paragraph governing annual conference Boards of Diaconal Ministry. He also presented additional changes beyond those printed in the calendar report as follows: the last statement, dealing with changes in terminology to be made throughout the proposed legislation, should read, "Change all wording to conform to this: *Lay Ministries* to **Diaconal Ministry,** *Lay Worker* to **Diaconal Minister,** and *professional lay careers* to **diaconal careers.**" At the end of section 2 of the proposed legislation, add "and may name committees as needed." The report was adopted as amended (see page 1441).

Report No. 20, Calendar No. 201

Dr. Langford introduced the report, consisting of new disciplinary legislation for the Division of Diaconal Ministry, and it was adopted (see page 1444).

Report No. 21, Calendar No. 202

Dr. Langford introduced the report, which recommended concurrence with proposed disciplinary legislation numbered

Pars. 1601-1606.1 for the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and it was adopted (see page 1446).

Report No. 22, Calendar No. 203

Dr. Langford presented the report, consisting of proposed legislation for *The Book of Discipline*, Part IV, Chapter Four, entitled "The Ordained Ministry." John Chittum (East Ohio) asked a question regarding the proposed deletion of Par. 306 (1972 *Discipline*). He noted that the report stated that this paragraph was being included elsewhere, but that he had been unable to locate it in the new material. *Dr. Langford* asked permission for *Robert W. Thornburg* (Central Illinois), Associate General Secretary, Division of Ordained Ministry, to respond.

Dr. Thornburg: The answer to the question is that Par. 306 in the current *Discipline* was taken from the *Discipline* of The Evangelical United Brethren Church of 1967. It is the assurance of the character of those ordained. It was deleted, not because it is included verbatim at this point, but because the substance of the assurance of character is included in five or six different places in which we ask for the complete dedication of life, and there are about seven places which one of our later resolutions will point you to. I think we could consider that the question of the assurance of the character of those to be ordained has been thoroughly and adequately cared for in all of the other paragraphs. It was included here originally because it had come out of the *Discipline* of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Mr. Chittum moved that Par. 306 be retained in the new legislation. *James E. Flinchbaugh* (West Ohio) spoke against the amendment, stating that the full content of Par. 306 was found, supported and amplified, in the proposed Par. 404(7) and the footnote to it. Mr. Chittum's amendment was defeated. The report was adopted (see page 1450).

Report No. 27, Calendar No. 297

Dr. Langford explained that the report recommended referral of some of the legislation which had been adopted to the editors of *The Book of Discipline* for the purpose of achieving consistency in certain editorial matters. The report was adopted (see page 1454).

Definition of "Diaconal":

Robert E. Hayes, Sr. (Texas): Before the brother sits down, I would like for him to explain the derivation of the word "diaconal." I have to go back to Texas where this word might frighten someone.

Bishop Taylor: Help the man who has to go back to Texas.

Dr. Langford: I think this is a slight problem we need to deal with. It's one of the kind of contemporary "in" words; though it is also a very old word and a very important word. It comes from the notion of servant. It is, by the way, defined earlier in the material in a rather crisp and clear way. But when we speak of

diaconal ministries, we are really speaking of ministries of service. Now, if you remember the New Testament text, there were people called deacons who had special responsibilities. It is sometimes used at the level of ordination of deacons, but the diaconal ministry is more inclusive than that, referring principally to the ministries of service, so that those who are servants of the Word, servants of the Gospel, express their ministry in appropriate styles. That's what "diaconal" means. It is somewhat new, perhaps, to the average person, but I think it does speak to the heart of understanding Christian ministry and perhaps in this sense the reclaiming of a very old word might have important contemporary significance.

Committee on Independent Commissions, Report No. 16, Calendar No. 204

Mr. Hager (Committee on Calendar), called on *Hector Navas* (Florida), chairman of the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions, for reports from that committee.

Mr. Navas presented the report, stating that it was simply supportive to Report No. 15, which had already been adopted by the Conference; the report was approved (see page 1837).

Report No. 18, Calendar No. 206

Mr. Navas stated that the report was for adoption of a resolution designating the Robert Strawbridge House National Methodist Shrine as a recipient of shrine funds to be distributed through the Commission on Archives and History. The report was adopted (see page 1838).

Report No. 22, Calendar No. 210

Mr. Navas indicated that the report was simply supportive of an action taken earlier in approving the committee's Report No. 4; it was adopted (see page 1839).

Report No. 23, Calendar No. 211

Mr. Navas explained that the purpose of the report was to amend the legislation governing the membership of the Commission on Archives and History to provide for one young adult among its members; the report was adopted (see page 1839).

Report No. 24, Calendar No. 212

Mr. Navas stated that the report called for a special committee of the Commission on Archives and History to research and publish a history of the contributions of women to The United Methodist Church; the report was approved (see page 1840).

Report No. 27, Calendar No. 215

Mr. Navas presented the report, which had for its purpose the defining of the term "young adult" as used in the *Discipline*. In

order to be in conformity with earlier action on Committee on Conferences Report No. 52, he asked that the report as printed be amended so that the age designation would be "between eighteen (18) and thirty-one (31)." The report was adopted as amended (see page 1844).

Report No. 25, Calendar No. 213

Mr. Navas presented the report, consisting of committee recommendations on legislation for the annual conference, jurisdictional, and general Commissions on Archives and History, including the designation of John Wesley's American Parish, Savannah, Georgia, as a new national United Methodist historic landmark, and the designation of Peter Cartwright United Methodist Church, Pleasant Plains, Illinois, as a new national United Methodist historic shrine. *Ralph B. Huston* (Florida) moved to amend the report by deleting the sentence in Par. 1911.2b), beginning with the words, "No records shall be destroyed . . ." *Mr. Navas* explained that the language was only intended to apply to official records of general boards and agencies and bishops, not to conferences or districts. Horace F. Ether (Eastern Pennsylvania) attempted to make a statement regarding the terminology related to national historic shrines and landmarks, but the Chair ruled that he was out of order inasmuch as there was an amendment on another subject before the Conference. *Mr. Huston's* amendment was defeated.

Mr. Ether stated his concern again, but offered no amendment to the report.

Patti B. Russell (Virginia) moved to amend the report by removing the paragraph which provided for the deletion of the phrase "or a location" from the definition of national historic shrines (new Par. 1912.2a). Mrs. Russell spoke in support of her amendment. *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming) expressed concern that the Conference was not dealing with the great needs and great challenges awaiting its action. *Mr. Navas* asked permission for *John Ness*, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Archives and History, to speak to the Conference. There being no objection, *Mr. Ness* explained the rationale for the legislation as proposed. At the Chair's request, the Assistant Secretary read Mrs. Russell's amendment, and it was defeated. John B. Russell (Virginia) requested a divison of the house on the amendment, but his call was not sustained by the required one-third vote of the Conference. The report was adopted (see page 1840).

Committee on Church and Society

Mr. Hager (Committee on Calendar) called on John E. Stumbo

(Kansas East), chairman of the Legislative Committee on Church and Society, for the presentation of reports.

Mr. Stumbo moved to suspend the rules to permit consideration of the committee's recommendation on the resolution presented the previous day on the Boston school situation. In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Stumbo stated that the report was not yet printed, but that it could be considered if the Conference was willing to suspend Rule 33. The motion did not receive the required two-thirds vote of the Conference.

Report No. 16, Calendar No. 238 (see page 1133)

At Mr. Stumbo's request, *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin) presented the report, a resolution on the subject, "The United Methodist Church and Peace." *David A. Seamands* (Kentucky) referred to section 6c) of the report, the paragraph beginning with the words, "We will continue to do all in our power to secure amnesty . . .", and asked for an interpretation as to whether subsequent language in that paragraph was intended to advocate amnesty for persons who may have committed offenses other than refusal to participate in war.

Mr. Truitt: This relates, of course, to a number of situations that have occurred within the Indochina affair in which there were particular laws broken. Some of these laws were military and some were civil—all of them related to the participation of American soldiers in Vietnam and resulted in some kind of judgment against them, and the language here is to relieve those persons of that experience and that record. It would likewise be in case of drugs. This does not relate to drug violations that may be occurring in 1975 or 1976 here in the United States.

Mr. Seamands moved to amend the paragraph by deleting the references to "civil (law)" and "drugs." Tom Reavley (Southwest Texas) moved as a substitute for the amendment to place a period after the words, "with restoration of legal rights for these," and to delete the following language:

> ". . . and also for all others who have suffered for their violations of civil or military law and regulations often arising out of encounters with racism, rigid bureaucracy, and drugs. In the U. S. specifically, amnesty is essential for all those persons who have suffered the loss of civil rights as a result of violation of civil or military laws because of the war in S. E. Asia."

Mr. Reavley spoke in support of his substitute. Horace F. Ether moved to amend the substitute so that the entire section 6c), entitled "Amnesty and Reconciliation," would be deleted. He spoke in support of his amendment. *S. Clifton Ives* (Maine) raised

a point of order that Mr. Ether's motion was not an amendment, but another substitute. The Chair upheld the point of order and ruled that Mr. Ether's motion was not in order at this time. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) spoke in support of Mr. Reavley's substitute. *Mr. Seamands* withdrew his amendment in favor of Mr. Reavley's substitute. The Assistant Secretary read the substitute. *Mr. Truitt* made a final statement in behalf of the committee position. Mr. Reavley's substitute was put to a vote and was adopted.

Richard D. Pittenger (South Dakota) moved to amend the report by restoring one sentence out of the material which had been deleted by action on Mr. Reavley's substitute. The Chair ruled that the Conference had already acted on this material, and that an action to reconsider would be required before *Mr. Pittenger's* amendment was in order.

Adjournment

The Chair noted that the time set for adjournment of the session was near. The Secretary made announcements.

Rhoda A. Peters (Louisville), speaking for the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, asked that Clair W. Black (Northern New Jersey) be granted opportunity to speak. Mr. Black made a statement expressing appreciation for Bishop Taylor's leadership in the New Jersey Area during the past twelve years and asking the Conference to join the Area's delegation in wishing Bishop and Mrs. Taylor many years of good health and happiness in their retirement. The Conference responded with a standing ovation. Bishop Taylor expressed appreciation for the statement and for the assistance of Bishops Short and Alton during the morning's session.

Bishop Reuben H. Mueller (Retired) led the Conference in a closing prayer.

SEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1976
AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the afternoon session of the seventh day, Tuesday, May 4, 1976, at 2:30 p.m., in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Richmond Area, presiding.

Carlton Young led the conference in the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." *Carlton P. Minnick, Jr.* (Virginia) led in prayer.

Matters of Privilege

Richard V. Moore (Florida) asked that the Conference extend its prayers and best wishes to Judge P. B. Revels (Florida), who had been hospitalized in a local hospital. The Chair assured him that this would be done.

Carroll H. Long (Holston), speaking on behalf of the Holston Conference delegation, expressed appreciation and good wishes to Bishop L. Scott Allen on the occasion of his birthday.

Committee on Calendar

James W. Bristah (Detroit) asked whether the Conference was ready to resume consideration of the report which had been before it at the close of the morning session. The Chair asked that that be held until after a statement by *Leroy C. Hodapp* (South Indiana), chairman of the Committee on Calendar.

Mr. Hodapp made a statement regarding the reports the committee expected to have presented during the afternoon and evening sessions. He also indicated that there would be a special edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* on delegates' desks at the beginning of the evening session, and that material published in this edition would be in order for consideration at the Wednesday morning session.

Committee on Church and Society, Report No. 16, Consideration Resumed

The Chair outlined the parliamentary situation which existed at the close of the morning session with respect to the consideration of this report (see page 1133). He indicated that he would first give opportunity for the Conference to decide whether to reconsider its action on Mr. Reavley's amendment for

the purpose of considering the amendment *Mr. Pittenger* had attempted to offer. *Robert C. Morgan* (North Alabama) moved reconsideration, and the Chair ruled that the motion to reconsider was approved. Robert M. Harris (Nebraska) asked if the rules required a two-thirds vote on a motion to reconsider; the Chair replied that they do not. *A. Jason Shirah* (South Georgia) requested a count vote on the motion to reconsider, but his motion was not supported by the required one-third vote of the Conference.

Richard D. Pittenger (South Dakota) moved to amend Mr. Reavley's amendment by adding the word "persons" after "restoration of legal rights for these," and by adding immediately thereafter the following sentence: "In addition, amnesty is essential for those in the United States who have suffered the loss of civil rights or have received other than honorable discharges due to the war in Southeast Asia, with provision for individual review for cases involving offenses against other persons." *Mr. Pittenger* spoke in support of his amendment. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) opposed it. Steve Galyon (Holston) attempted to offer an amendment to *Mr. Pittenger's* amendment, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order. *Blaine E. Taylor* (Southern New England) spoke against *Mr. Pittenger's* amendment. *Richard D. Tholin* (Northern Illinois) spoke in favor of it. John B. Russell (Virginia) moved the previous question on *Mr. Pittenger's* amendment and on Mr. Reavley's amendment, and the previous question motion was adopted. *C. Wilburne Hancock* (South Georgia) asked if Mr. Reavley would have opportunity to make a final statement; Mr. Reavley spoke in support of his original amendment. *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin), in a final statement on behalf of the legislative committee, supported *Mr. Pittenger's* amendment. After the Assistant Secretary had read *Mr. Pittenger's* amendment, it was put to a vote and was defeated. Mr. Reavley's original amendment was again put to a vote, and it was approved.

Clarence A. Guittard (North Texas) moved to amend section 4 of the report, the sentence beginning with the words, "Economic systems structured to cope . . .", by adding the words, "and should be designed to provide maximum incentive and opportunity for ordinary persons to improve their economic condition by voluntary individual and cooperative efforts." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Jerome K. Del Pino* (Southern New England) asked a question; Mr. Guittard replied. The amendment was defeated.

John T. King (Southwest Texas) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. Carroll H. Long (Holston) raised a

point of order, that there had been insufficient debate on the report as a whole. The Chair ascertained from the Assistant Secretary that there had been no speeches for or against the report as a whole, but that only amendments had been debated. The point of order was sustained.

Mr. Long moved to amend section 1, entitled "Disarmament," by adding to the end of it the following sentence: "The United Methodist Church urges the United States government to prohibit the sale of arms abroad unless it is under exceptional circumstances threatening the self-determination of a people."

Mr. Long: Bishop, this paragraph on disarmament is a beautiful statement. I believe, however, that I should call attention to two deficiencies which are inherent in this paragraph on disarmament. The statement is weak at two points. It depends upon an age-old custom of negotiation as the principal instrument for disarmament. It is obvious to all of us that negotiation has been the means by which disarmament has been sought since the beginning of time. It is just as obvious that today's armaments are more costly and more deadly than at any time in the world's history. I raise the possibility of unilateral progressive disarmament by our nation, the only nation of the world strong enough to take the leadership in such a new departure. I do not believe this General Conference has the grace to accept a motion at this time, but I urge the prayerful study by the Board of Church and Society of unilateral disarmament as a new approach to peace.

The second point at which I find weakness in the paragraph on disarmament—perhaps it is an inadvertent omission—is in its failure to speak to the point of international traffic in armament. Surely we abhor the exportation of military armament simply to maintain our own economy in a more healthy state. Surely we disapprove our government penchant for supporting foreign military dictatorships, which oftentimes are necessarily repressive and sometimes stimulate an armaments race in particular areas of the world. My amendment is addressed to this omission. I hope you will support it.

The amendment was put to a vote and defeated.

Steve Galyon (Holston) asked a question regarding the reading of section 6c), in its amended form. After receiving an answer, he began to offer an amendment, but the Chair stated that the amendment related to an issue the Conference had already decided in its action on Mr. Reavley's amendment. *William B. Grove* (Western Pennsylvania) argued that the issue raised in Mr. Galyon's amendment had not been decided. The Chair ruled that Mr. Galyon could proceed. His amendment was to add the word, "persons" after "legal rights for these," and to add thereafter two additional sentences, as follows:

> "In the U. S. specifically amnesty is essential for all those persons who have suffered the loss of civil rights as a result of their protest against the war in Southeast Asia. A special review body shall be established for cases involving assault against persons."

Mr. Galyon spoke in support of his amendment, but it was defeated.

John B. Russell (Virginia) moved to suspend the provisions of Rule 37 requiring two speeches for and two against before the house can vote on the full report. The motion to suspend the rules was defeated.

Francisco Franceschi (Puerto Rico) moved to amend the report, section 2, immediately after the sentence which ends with the words, "discriminate against black majorities," by adding the following new sentence: "We are also concerned for Puerto Rico, which has several political prisoners in United States jails and as an act of Christian compassion ask for their unconditional freedom." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Mr. Truitt* asked to see a written copy of the amendment, in order to determine if it could be accepted by the committee. *Paul E. Myers* (Central Pennsylvania) asked that Conrad Page (Central Pennsylvania) be recognized. The Assistant Secretary read Mr. Franceschi's amendment. *Mr. Truitt* stated that he was unable to accept it for the committee in this report. The amendment was defeated.

Conrad M. Page, Jr. (Central Pennsylvania) moved to amend the report, section 6b), by deleting the words, "or to the payment of taxes for military purposes," from the last sentence of the section. He spoke in support of his amendment. *Robert L. Taylor* (North Georgia) moved to amend the amendment by substituting the following for the sentence in question: "We, therefore, recognize the right of anyone to become a conscientious objector in the time of war." He spoke in support of his amendment. *William O. Walker* (Oregon-Idaho) spoke against it. Carlton Dodge (Eastern Pennsylvania) raised a point of order, that *Mr. Taylor's* motion was really a substitute for the entire paragraph and not really an amendment to Mr. Page's amendment, and was therefore not properly before the Conference. The Chair ruled that even as a substitute, it was in order. *John V. Moore* (California-Nevada) spoke against the amendment. *Mr. Taylor's* amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. Mr. Page's original amendment was then put to a vote and was also defeated.

N. Robert Kesler (Southern California-Arizona) spoke in support of the report as a whole.

Robert D. Cheyne (North Arkansas) moved to amend the report, section 2, immediately after the first paragraph in the section, by inserting the following:

"We support every effort being made by the United States government to secure the release of names and/or persons dead or alive who are still listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia

as the result of the conflict in that area. We deplore the lack of compassion on the part of those governments who have steadfastly refused to provide this information to the satisfaction of those families involved."

Mr. Cheyne spoke in support of his amendment. Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) moved to suspend the rules in order to move the previous question on all before the Conference. The Chair asked that action on the amendment be completed before the motion to suspend the rules was considered. Mr. Cheyne's amendment was put to a vote, and the Chair stated that it had been defeated. *Mr. Truitt* stated that he had not had the opportunity to speak on behalf of the committee in relation to Mr. Cheyne's amendment. At the Chair's request, the Assistant Secretary read the amendment, and *Mr. Truitt* stated that he would be willing to accept it on behalf of the committee. The Chair asked if the Conference would confirm the acceptance of the amendment, and it was approved.

Mr. Blackstone offered his motion to suspend the rules in order to vote the previous question. The Chair stated that the suspension of rules was no longer required, and the previous question motion was adopted. *Mr. Truitt* made a final comment on behalf of the legislative committee. Report No. 16 was put to a vote and was adopted as amended (see page 1133).

Report on Third Ballot, Alternate Judicial Council Member

J. B. Holt (Secretary): This is ballot number three on the alternate member of the Judicial Council. There was no election. Votes cast 948, valid ballots 948, necessary to elect 475. Paul Webb, Jr.—466; Paul Shearer—292; Julia Gibson—143; James Dolliver—31; Basil Lorch—9; Walter Douglas—7.

Fourth Ballot, Judicial Council Alternate Member

The Secretary gave instructions for the marking of the ballot. When all of the ballots had been collected, the Chair declared the ballot closed.

Report No. 18, Calendar No. 240

John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairman of the legislative committee, explained that the report was a resolution on the Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-development of Peoples. It was adopted (see page 1139).

Report No. 19, Calendar No. 241

Mr. Stumbo stated that the report consisted of a resolution calling for the display in the Pentagon of works of art depicting peace. It was adopted (see page 1140).

Report No. 22, Calendar No. 244

Mr. Stumbo presented the report, which was a resolution on the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco on church property, and it was adopted (see page 1141).

Report No. 23, Calendar No. 245

Mr. Stumbo presented the report, a resolution on the subject of gambling, and it was adopted (see page 1141).

Report Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27; Calendar Nos. 246, 247, 248, 249

Mr. Stumbo presented the reports, noting in each case that the recommendation was for referral to the Board of Church and Society. The reports were put to a vote individually, and each was approved (see pages 1142-1143).

Report No. 28, Calendar No. 250

Mr. Stumbo called on *Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.* (Western North Carolina), chairman of the sub-committee which had prepared the report, to lead in its presentation. *Mr. Hutchinson* explained that the report dealt with legislation governing the Board of Church and Society which had been printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. He explained the major changes from existing legislation. *Larry A. Bauman* (North Georgia) asked a question; *Mr. Hutchinson* replied. *James L. Carraway* (Western Pennsylvania) asked a question; *Mr. Hutchinson* responded. Danita Trudeau (Alaska Missionary) called attention to an editorial correction which needed to be made in the printed report, and *Mr. Hutchinson* accepted the correction. The report was adopted (see page 1143).

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Hager moved that Rule 33 be suspended in order to permit consideration of calendar items printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Tuesday, May 4. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted.

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the committee, made a statement indicating a change in the scheduling of reports to be presented during the remainder of the afternoon session. He then moved that the time of adjournment for the evening session be set at 10:30 p.m. The motion was approved.

Mr. Hager called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Administrative Order.

Committee on Administrative Order, Report No. 44, Calendar No. 305

David A. Duck (South Georgia) presented the report, dealing with the establishment of a legal office, and noted that the

recommendation was for concurrence and referral to the Council on Finance and Administration. He explained that the petition called for an office that would facilitate communication between conferences and areas on legal matters, and that it would not require the establishment of a new office, inasmuch as the Council on Finance and Administration already had such an office on a limited basis. *S. Clifton Ives* (Maine) asked a procedural question; *Mr. Duck* and the Chair responded. R. Andrew Lady (Central Pennsylvania) asked if there were any budget recommendations related to this report; *Mr. Duck* stated that there were none. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) commented further on the question *Mr. Ives* had raised, which was whether it was appropriate for a committee to recommend both concurrence and referral on a petition. The Chair ruled that such recommendations were in order.

William W. Reid, Jr. (Wyoming) called attention to a report of the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration, which carried a recommendation of nonconcurrence on the same issue as that dealt with in the report under consideration. *Millard C. Cleveland* (Florida) asked whether adoption of the report as it now reads would demand implementation by the CFA. The Chair responded. *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) moved to amend the report so that the recommendation would be for referral only. *Mr. Duck* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee. *Jerome K. Del Pino* (Southern New England) asked whether such referral was a referral for implementation; the Chair replied that it was. *Mr. Duck* stated that it would mean referral to the Council on Finance and Administration for whatever disposition they would determine, and that as an agency of the General Conference, they would report that disposition back to the General Conference. *David L. Dykes, Jr.* (Louisiana) asked whether approval of the report would give the Council permission to set up such an office and finance it, if the Council felt it wise to do so. *Mr. Duck* replied that it would, and stated again that the Council already performed some functions in the area of legal services.

Gloster B. Current (New York) spoke in opposition to the report. *C. W. Hancock* (South Georgia) stated that it was because of its understanding that the Council already had a legal department that the Committee on Financial Administration had recommended nonconcurrence with a similar petition. *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) stated that, inasmuch as the Council was already performing this service, it would welcome the reference as an expression of support by the General Conference for such a service.

Melvin M. Finkbeiner (Pacific Northwest) moved the previous question on all before the Conference, and the previous question was adopted. The report, as amended, was put to a vote and adopted (see page 1881).

Report No. 46, Calendar No. 307

Mr. Duck presented the report and explained that it was a statement of policy that would require the permission of the bishop for fund-raising activities by general agencies in an annual conference. Ruth Tubbs (Wisconsin) requested that speakers using the name of the denominaton refer to it correctly as The United Methodist Church. *Clifford Droke* (California-Nevada) asked whether approval of this report would give individual bishops the authority to countermand an action of a general agency in instructing one of its staff persons to follow up on an agency decision. *Mr. Duck* responded that the language of the report was that the staff person must have the bishop's permission. *Mr. Droke* stated that he was opposed to the report. *Walter N. Kalaf* (Florida) asked a question about the effect of the proposed policy; *Mr. Duck* responded.

Patricia Soderholm (Wisconsin) moved to amend the report by substituting the word "informing" for "granted permission by." Fletcher Carter (South Carolina) asked for an illustration of what kind of fund-raising activity would be affected by this policy; *Mr. Duck* responded. *Willie B. Clay* (Northern Illinois) objected to *Mr. Duck's* interpretation, observing that the language of the report referred to "all fund-raising drives." He attempted to introduce an amendment, but the Chair stated that he was not in order inasmuch as there was already an amendment before the Conference. Robert L. Dillard, Jr. (North Texas) identified himself as a member of the legislative committee and explained further the purpose of the proposed policy statement. *Richard Cain* (Southern California-Arizona) spoke in opposition to the report.

Kathi Hughes (Virginia) moved the previous question. The Chair put Mrs. Soderholm's amendment to a vote and stated that it was defeated. *Terry C. Thomason* (Southern New England) spoke against the report. Charles Stewart (Florida) moved the previous question. *Edgar F. Singer* (Wyoming) raised a point of order, that when Ms. Hughes moved the previous question, her motion had not been put to a vote. The Chair stated that *Mr. Singer* was correct. The previous question was put to a vote and was adopted. Mrs. Soderholm's amendment was again put to a vote and was defeated. Torrey Kaatz (West Ohio) asked whether there had been sufficient speeches for and against the report. The

Chair replied that there were. Mr. Stewart's motion for the previous question on the report was put to a vote and was approved. *Mr. Duck* made a final statement on behalf of the committee. The report was put to a vote and was defeated (see page 1882).

Report No. 48, Calendar No. 309

Mr. Duck explained that the report was on a petition calling for the use of the term "moderator" at the annual conference level, and that the committee recommendation was for nonconcurrence. The committee recommendation was approved (see page 1882).

Report No. 58, Calendar Nos. 350-351

Mr. Duck explained that the report consisted of two calendar items, a majority report and a minority report. The Chair explained the procedure for considering the reports. *Mr. Duck* stated that the subject of the report was the provision of child care by church agencies at official meetings at all levels of the church, and that the majority report was a recommendation of nonconcurrence. He explained that the minority report was a statement supporting the petition.

The Chair stated that, since the majority report was for nonconcurrence, the Conference would proceed to perfect the minority report. *Phyllis Tyler Wayman* (Southern California-Arizona) presented the minority report and spoke in support of it. *Lloyd A. Peters* (Oklahoma) asked how the report could be implemented without a provision for funding. *Ms. Wayman* replied that the cost of providing persons to care for children could be borne either by the body holding the meeting or by the individuals using the child care service, but that there was no General Conference funding involved. Miriam Isaacs (New York) spoke in support of the minority report. Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) also spoke in favor of the minority report. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) opposed it. Mr. Slutz spoke to clarify the provisions of the minority report.

Floyd H. Coffman (Kansas East) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The Chair ascertained that there had been two speakers on each side of the question, and the previous question was voted. The minority report was put to a vote and was approved. The Chair stated that by this action, the minority report had been substituted for the majority report. Report No. 58 as substituted was put to a vote and adopted (see page 1885).

Report No. 83, Calendar No. 376

Mr. Duck explained that the report dealt with a petition calling

for a reduction in the size of general boards and agencies, and that the recommendation was for referral to the General Council on Ministries for study and report back to the 1980 General Conference. The recommendation was adopted (see page 1891).

Report No. 86, Calendar No. 379

Mr. Duck reported that the petition dealt with the subject, "No Discrimination with Respect to Age," and that the recommendation was for referral to the General Council on Ministries for study and report back to the 1980 General Conference. The report was adopted (see page 1891).

Report No. 95, Calendar No. 388 (see pages 1894-1907)

Mr. Duck observed that some of the committee's reports could best be handled after action on Report No. 95. He asked *Charles A. Sayre* (Southern New Jersey), chairman of the sub-committee which had prepared the report, to lead in its presentation. *Mr. Sayre* explained that the report dealt with amendments to the 1972 *Book of Discipline*, Pars. 801-823, and was related to material printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. *Mr. Sayre* further explained that certain paragraphs in the report were also related to other reports of the committee, and that reference to these would be made as appropriate. He presented editorial corrections to the printed report. By way of procedure, he suggested that the report be perfected seriatim and that each paragraph (801, 802, etc.) be voted separately.

Mr. Sayre presented the recommended amendments to Par. 801. *Vernon Bigler* (Western New York) moved to amend the report, Par. 801.1, by restoring the language found in the 1972 *Discipline*, "God reconciles all people to himself." He spoke in support of his amendment. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) opposed the amendment, stating that the proposed new language would include God's provision for reconciliation between persons as well as reconciliation of persons to himself. *Mr. Sayre* made a final statement on behalf of the committee. The amendment was defeated and Par. 801 was approved as recommended by the committee (see page 1894).

Adjournment

Joe Pevahouse (Memphis) moved that the session be adjourned, and the motion was adopted. The Secretary made announcements. Bishop Goodson expressed appreciation to members of the Virginia Conference delegation, to his wife, and to the Conference for their support during his presiding. Bishop Carl J. Sanders, Birmingham Area, pronounced the benediction.

SEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1976
EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop James K. Mathews

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the seventh day, Tuesday, May 4, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop James K. Mathews, Washington Area, presiding.

Carlton Young led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Blow Ye The Trumpet, Blow." *Felton E. May* (Peninsula) led in prayer.

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the committee, moved that the report of the Committee on Administrative Order, which was under consideration when the afternoon session adjourned, be discontinued for the purpose of considering other calendar items. *Mr. Hodapp* explained the purpose of the motion and outlined the matters which would be presented to this Conference session if the motion was adopted: reports of the Committee on Council on Ministries on proposed missional priorities, the report of the Committee on Conferences regarding the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and either the report on the Social Principles or a resumption of the report discontinued at the end of the afternoon session.

John T. King (Southwest Texas) asked whether the report of the Committee on Financial Administration related to the missional priorities would be presented at the same time as the Committee on Council on Ministries report. *Mr. Hodapp* indicated that it could not and asked Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio), chairman of the Committee on Financial Administration, to comment further. Mr. Moore explained that, under the rules of the Conference, the legislative committee's recommendations on matters of funding would come as amendments to the report of the Council on Finance and Administration, and that that report was scheduled to begin Thursday evening. Mr. King moved as a substitute that the report from the Legislative Committee on Council on Ministries regarding missional priorities be deferred until that time when the report from the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration regarding missional priorities will be available for discussion, so that the two could be discussed at the same time.

Mr. King: Bishop and friends, the word "priority" to me means something special, it means something to which we want to give very serious consideration because of the nowness—because of the urgency of it. I cannot see how we can make a determination on a programmatic matter without at the same time looking at the financial aspect regarding that programmatic matter.

And if it's a real priority, then it does not have the same kind of relationship to regular budgetary items that other matters would have. I think it would be very unfortunate and very unfair if the report on Missional Priorities from the COM legislative committee would be discussed without the financial implications being laid side by side with it. So I am opposed to this being done in that way.

Mr. Moore: Bishop, it is by Disciplinary order, Par. 842 on page 261. The General Council on Finance and Administration is to present all funding recommendations in the form of an entire budget to the General Conference. Now, at some time that was put into the *Discipline* because of a sense of wisdom. Apparently based upon the fact that without this kind of protection for the body of General Conference, then whoever hit the floor first with the most emotional appeal would be he who got the dollars, all the apples in the barrel. Now if we are able to take a look at a total budget all at one time, I think the General Conference can come out of here with the most sane budget.

But we must have the Missional Priorities established first. GCFA cannot respond until General Conference, meaning General Conference itself, has actually said that it wants these Missional Priorities. So far we have heard these from the General Council on Ministries, from individual members of the General Conference, but General Conference itself has not spoken. That must be done first and then there must be time for Council on Finance and Administration to respond with the proper total budget after matters are in. Hence, I would have to speak against this amendment.

Mr. King's substitute was put to a vote and was defeated. *Mr. Hodapp's* motion was adopted.

Mr. Hodapp called attention to the special edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* which had been placed on delegates' desks and expressed appreciation to Roger Burgess, editor, and the *Daily Christian Advocate* staff for the preparation of the special edition. He then called on C. R. Hager (Kentucky) to provide guidance in the presentation of calendar items.

Committee on Council on Ministries

Mr. Hager called for reports to be presented by the Legislative Committee on Council on Ministries, *G. Ross Freeman* (South Georgia), chairman. *Mr. Freeman* explained that the Council on Ministries reports on the missional priorities would also give the Conference opportunity to consider various approaches to funding the priorities and to express a preference among those approaches in making its reference to the Council on Finance and Administration. By way of introduction, *Mr. Freeman* called attention to Report No. 11, Calendar No. 320, the report dealing with the quadrennial theme, and pointed out the relationship between the theme and the missional priorities which were being proposed.

Mr. Freeman stated that the committee would be recommending three missional priorities: ethnic minority churches, world hunger, and evangelism.

Report No. 22, Calendar Nos. 344, 345 (see pages 1801-1803)

Mr. Freeman explained that this report was the report on the missional priority on ethnic minority churches, that there were both majority and minority reports on this subject, and that the majority report would be presented by *Roy C. Clark* (Tennessee).

Mr. Clark: This is Calendar Item 344, Report No. 22 of the Committee on Council on Ministries. This deals with the Missional Priority of Ethnic Minority Local Churches. It is a recommendation by the committee that the strengthening of ethnic minority churches has become one of the missional priorities of the quadrennium. You will note that it calls upon Annual Conferences to evaluate its ministry in these areas, to give priority in the use of its funds for this purpose. It provides for a progress report on the development of this priority by Annual Conferences, and then it provides for funding of the emphasis. This is the recommendation of the committee that it be adopted.

Mr. Freeman called on Harold F. Smith, Sr. (Southern New England) for the presentation of the minority report. Mr. Smith read the minority report, which called for the full $5 million funding for the ethnic minority local churches missional priority to come from the World Service Fund.

The Chair called for discussion and perfecting of the majority report. *Ernest W. Lee* (Southern New Jersey) moved to amend the majority report, the first sentence of the paragraph dealing with funding through a general Advance special, by deleting the words "further" and "that the General Conference affirm," so that the sentence would begin, "We recommend a general Advance special . . ." *Mr. Clark* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee.

Richard W. Cain (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the majority report by adding a new paragraph after the paragraph which ends with the words, "to the General Council on Ministries." The new paragraph would read as follows: "That the General Conference affirm the General Council on Ministries in their request to the general program agencies to consider a reordering of their priorities so as to respond to the $5,000,000 annual request for the ethnic minority local church missional priority." *John H. Mikkelsen* (Nebraska) raised a point of order; the Chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken. *Mr. Cain* spoke in behalf of his amendment. The amendment was put to a vote and defeated.

Harold F. Smith, Sr. (Southern New England) moved the substitution of the minority report for the majority. *Clifford*

Droke (California-Nevada) asked for clarification as to whether there was any difference between the minority and majority reports other than the source of the $5 million funding. Mr. Smith replied that that was the only difference. *Mr. Droke* then asked whether it was appropriate for the Conference to take action between the majority and minority reports at this time, in view of the action earlier in the evening on Mr. King's motion. The Chair replied that in either event, under the Conference rules, the Conference's action would be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration.

Roy Barton (Rio Grande): Mr. Chairman, I speak in favor of the minority report, and I would like to make several comments about this report. First of all let me say that I have been a member of the General Council of Ministries and have also been a member of the Committee on Finance so I have been rather fully aware of the struggle that both the task force and the General Council have gone through to try to arrive at some recommendation. It is also a little difficult to speak again about this Missional Priority, because I really think everyone has heard the story.

If I were to begin to talk about the status of the Ethnic Minority Local Church it would be redundant. It has been on every newspaper, church newspaper, in mailings and in our reports. We have heard it probably at District Council, we have heard it at legislative committees; it has been brought before you here already initially. So to talk about the status of the Ethnic Minority Local Churches is a little redundant now. I don't think that I can add any more to what has already been said about the needs and about what is before us.

And then there is a certain degree of risk in reenforcing some possible images and attitudes about where the Ethnic Minority community is within the Church and its ability to maintain itself and carry out the mission of the church.

So what I would like to do, I would like to take a little slice of what I am very familiar with, and I really think a lot of this would slide over into the other Ethnic Minorities.

I am very familiar with at least one of them. I belong to a Conference where The United Methodist Church has invested over 100 years of service. Many of you know the history and have known the conditions of that portion of the Ethnic Minority Local Church for many, many, many years. I am from the Southwest, the South Central Jurisdiction; the South Central Jurisdiction people know exactly what I am talking about. And this is very true about the other minority churches.

What I want to say is that for years and years we have been trying to put our thing together by pieces. We have come to the general agencies, a little bit at the time, we have come to divisions, boards, committees, task forces, staff people, trying to put it together. And we have been doing this a little bit at the time. And when finally the General Council on Ministries gave us the opportunity to bring the total aspect of the church to it, it raised a lot of expectations in the midst of the community. And it is before you.

If all of you had been attending as many consultations as we have in the last ten years, concerning where we are, you would also say, "How long do we have to keep doing this?"

Finally the GCOM has been given the authority to look at missional issues, missional priorities, and here we are. Just let me say that I just don't really believe that the delegates are against the Missional Priorities. It's how much can we really afford, and I wish I had more time to tell you about what at least one of

these Annual Conferences whose economic power is way beyond all other Annual Conferences is able to do when it determines that there are some survival things at stake. And I wish I had some time to tell you what I am trying to do, encourage you not to be afraid of investing a great deal of the whole United Methodist Church in the life of the Ethnic Minority Local Church. It would be far worth it. Thank you.

William O. Walker (Oregon-Idaho) made a statement asking for help in knowing which of the two approaches would result in raising the most money for the missional priority.

Alferd E. Wilken (Iowa) observed that the minority report related only to the last portion of the majority report, and if Mr. Smith's motion to substitute the one report for the other were adopted, the other recommendations contained in the majority report would be lost. Mr. Smith replied that the intent of the motion was to substitute the minority report only for the portion of the majority report beginning with the words, "We recommend a general Advance special . . ."

Hazel M. Decker (Texas) spoke in support of the minority report. *Donald W. Durham* (Kentucky) spoke against it. *Douglas F. Verdin* (New York) spoke in favor of it. *Robert Courtney* (East Ohio) asked for clarification regarding the provisions of the minority report; Mr. Smith responded. *Mr. Courtney* spoke against the minority report. *Blaine E. Taylor* (Southern New England) spoke for it.

Carroll H. Long (Holston) asked a question about the percentage increase in the World Service apportionment which would result from each of the reports. *Merrill Drennan* (Baltimore) estimated that the minority report would result in a twenty percent increase. Mr. Long made a further comment. Robert Albrecht (Northern Illinois) attempted to move a substitute for the minority report, but the Chair ruled that it was not a proper substitute. Mr. Albrecht made an additional statement, which the Chair ruled was a statement against the minority report.

C. W. Hancock (South Georgia) asked whether there was a procedure by which the Conference could separate the establishment of the missional priority from the question of funding the priority. The Chair responded. *G. Eliot Jones* (Mississippi) raised a point of order, that the Conference should not be considering funding methods, but should only refer these matters to the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration and the Council on Finance and Administration. The Chair did not sustain the point of order, observing that it had already been stated that the Conference's action on this report would be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration. Barbara

R. Thompson (Baltimore) made a statement supporting the process being followed, by which the referral would also include guidance from the Conference as to the method of funding.

Woodrow Seals (Texas) moved as a substitute the following: "The General Conference directs GCOM to provide a program and special committee to spend $3 million in the next quadrennium for scholarships only, to be awarded to appropriate recipients of black, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and Native American (sic), and to be administered by GCOM, and, further, that this $3 million be provided by World Service and none of the $3 million be used for any administration costs, but GCOM will use funds from their general budget for the administration of this program." *Zan Holmes, Jr.* (North Texas) spoke against the substitute and in favor of the minority report. *William B. Oden* (Oklahoma) asked whether it would be in order to call for the previous question on all before the Conference; the Chair replied that it would not be in order at this time. Harold Smith, Sr. (Southern New England) made a final statement in behalf of the minority position against Mr. Seals' substitute; the substitute was defeated.

Mr. Smith made a final statement in support of substituting the minority report for the majority report. *Mr. Freeman* made the final statement in support of the majority report.

Mr. Freeman: There is absolutely no question in the mind of the committee nor of this conference about the importance of this Missional Priority. I believe that all of us came here completely committed to it. So that the question is not the direction in which we are going, it is simply a matter of how are we going to get there.

I think it is important for us to note that the majority of the legislative committee felt that we ought to move in the direction of the majority report. There were 13 votes against that majority report; the overwhelming number was in favor of it. I think it is important for us at this stage in the General Conference not to lose perspective. We understand the enormous weight of the world's problems, and we understand that we are not to be concerned primarily about ourselves but we are to look at the needs of people everywhere around the world.

It does seem that we need to shore up some of the weak places in our Church. We do need to throw the resources of the entire denomination into those areas where there is the great need. But let's remember that our existence is not simply to build up ourselves but to become the channel through which the grace and the power of God can move in blessing to the entire world. The majority felt that this was very important and we felt that we needed the two prong approach to providing funding for it. We see the importance of getting an item in World Service and $2 million is placed there, but we also know the tremendous appeal which can be generated in the Advance special, and so we wanted to make an appeal to the entire Church for first mile giving and for second mile giving. I hope that you will defeat the minority report and support the committee in the majority recommendation which is before us.

The motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report was defeated.

The majority report, Calendar No. 344, was adopted (see page 1801). In response to a question from *Mr. Freeman,* the Chair indicated that the report would be referred without motion to the Council on Finance and Administration.

Report No. 21, Calendar No. 343 (see page 1801)

Mr. Freeman stated that the report dealt with the missional priority on world hunger and asked *Roy C. Clark* (Tennessee) to present it. *Mr. Clark* indicated editorial corrections which needed to be made in the printed report. *Alva H. Clark* (Nebraska) moved to amend the report, section a), the first sentence, so that the sentence would read, "Recommend approval of a minimum of $5 million additional money annually for the alleviation of world hunger, and that this amount of $5 million be funded through an apportioned benevolence." He spoke in support of the amendment. *A. Jason Shirah* (South Georgia) spoke against it. *Paul M. Minus* (West Ohio) spoke for it. *Melvin M. Finkbeiner* (Pacific Northwest) spoke in opposition to it. *Mr. Clark* made a final statement in behalf of the committee report. The Assistant Secretary read *Mr. Clark's* amendment, and it was defeated.

S. Clifton Ives (Maine) moved to amend the report, section a), the first sentence, by substituting the following for the material in the parentheses: "(that $2 million be funded through the World Service apportionment and that a minimum of $3.5 million from Advance specials, the latter being developed in a broad category.)" The Chair indicated that the amendment failed for lack of a second.

D. W. Brooks (North Georgia) spoke in support of the committee report. John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois) asked a question for clarification; *Mr. Clark* responded.

J. Irwin Trotter (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the report, the material in parentheses in the first sentence of section a), to read as follows: "(all of the money to be raised through Advance specials.)" He spoke in support of his amendment. *Charles Purdham* (Minnesota) spoke against it. *Terry C. Thomason* (Southern New England) made a statement urging that, in responding to new priorities, the Conference cut back some of its support for other causes. The Chair stated that his speech would be recorded as one in support of the amendment. William P. Appelgate (Iowa) spoke in opposition to the amendment. *Douglas F. Verdin* (New York) spoke for it. Elizabeth S. Brogdon (Southern New Jersey) moved to amend the amendment to read as follows: "That a general Advance special of $5 million for the world hunger priority be approved,

with the understanding that administrative and promotional costs of the hunger program will be borne by the agencies charged with the responsibility for this program." *Mr. Trotter* accepted the amendment. W. David Stedman (Western North Carolina) spoke against the amendment.

Paul Hardin (Northern New Jersey) moved the previous question on the amendment. The previous question motion was adopted. *Mr. Clark* asked Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania) to make a final statement in behalf of the committee position.

Mrs. Daugherty: We have been hearing about the best stewardship of our resources. It was the opinion of this Committee that this proposal before you, the majority report of the Committee, does represent the best stewardship of our resources. The proposal for Advance Special means that no funds can come from that money for administrative costs. It was amended, I believe, or accepted that administrative costs come from the program boards. I was a part of the hearing team for some of those program boards in the finances—for the budget for this next quadrennium and I know that those budgets are bare bones and don't even cover the inflationary rate. So to vote this means that we are asking those boards to cut further the programs which they have to take out administrative costs for these funds. I support the majority report of the committee because I believe this is the best stewardship and, because in the total interest of our whole Church in the program which our program boards and agencies are responsible for under the *Discipline*, this is the best plan in a two-pronged approach.

The Assistant Secretary read *Mr. Trotter's* amendment, and it was defeated.

Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia) stated as a matter of privilege that *Mr. Ives'* amendment, which the Chair had ruled to have failed for lack of a second, had in fact been seconded. At the Chair's request, *S. Clifton Ives* (Maine) stated his amendment again (see above, page 385) and spoke in support of it. Mr. Clark spoke in favor of the committee report. *Mr. Ives'* amendment was defeated.

C. P. Minnick (Virginia) moved to amend the report, section c), so that the distribution of receipts would be 80% for the Board of Global Ministries, 8% for the Board of Discipleship, 8% for the Board of Church and Society, and 4% for the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *Mr. Minnick* spoke in support of his amendment. Charles Stewart (Florida) spoke against it. K. June Goldman (Iowa) moved an amendment to *Mr. Minnick's* amendment, that the first year of the program the percentages be as stated in the committee report, and that each succeeding year the amounts distributed to the Boards of Discipleship and Church and Society be reduced 2% and that distributed to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry be reduced 1%, with

these deductions to be added to the share distributed to the Board of Global Ministries.

Gloster B. Current (New York) moved that the Conference recess for ten minutes, but the motion was defeated. Heinz P. Fischer (South Germany) moved suspension of the rules in order to be able to move the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. Mr. Fischer moved the previous question, and the motion was adopted. Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) stated that he wished to ask a question on the report; the Chair suggested that he wait until later.

Mr. Clark made a final statement on behalf of the committee.

Mr. Clark: I would like to say as you look at this, I would like to remind you of one or two things and then make a statement about the basic principle involved. First of all, I want you to be very aware of the statement at the top of the second column of this particular resolution. It says that this is to be reviewed annually by the recipient agency, which is the GCOM, in consultation with the Coordinating Committee on Hunger and the Advance Committee.

The purpose of that is so that in the case of real need for hunger that should be met or other emergency need, these percentages can be adjusted. There is built into the proposal a means of responding to needs which may demand a different percentage break-up than the one which you see initially before you at this time. Secondly, you ought to be aware that this particular division of funds has been agreed upon by an inter-agency task force; it has been negotiated in terms of the anticipated contributions of each of these areas; and is presented after having been very carefully worked out.

Now, the third thing I want to say to you is this. I understand, as a local pastor, quite clearly that what the people in the local church want to give to, is directly to feed someone. But I submit to you that we are increasingly learning that there simply are not resources to continue simply feeding people unless we get to the systemic causes of hunger and do something about them.

There must be a holistic approach. And I know it will be much easier to go back home and tell stories about hungry people and raise money. You have more of an educational and interpretive and, I think, a more constructive task to do to go back and interpret and approach the hunger which attempts to deal with it in all of its facets. And I hope you will support the report of the committee.

Mrs. Goldman asked to withdraw her amendment, and it was withdrawn. Mr. Blackstone asked a question regarding the proposed allocation to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry; *Mr. Clark* responded. *Mr. Minnick's* amendment was put to a vote and defeated.

Report No. 21 was put to a vote and adopted (see page 1801).

Report No. 23, Calendar No. 346

Mr. Freeman stated that the report dealt with a petition on the subject of world hunger and asked that it be editorially amended to include reference to Calendar No. 343. *William S. Evans, II*

(Memphis) attempted to offer an amendment, but the Chair ruled that it was not in order. The report was adopted (see page 1803).

Report No. 25, Calendar No. 348

Mr. Freeman asked that this report also be editorially amended by inclusion of a reference to Calendar No. 343. The report was adopted (see page 1803).

Report No. 24, Calendar No. 347

Mr. Freeman read the report, a resolution recommending certain actions to Church World Service. The report was adopted (see page 1803).

Report No. 26, Calendar No. 349

Mr. Freeman explained that the report dealt with the third missional priority being recommended by the legislative committee and asked *Roy C. Clark* (Tennessee) to lead in its presentation. *Mr. Clark* stated that it was the report dealing with the missional priority on evangelism; he presented an editorial change which needed to be made in the report as printed.

Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) asked whether there was any provision for funding this priority. *Mr. Clark* replied that it would be funded through the normal channels of the Board of Discipleship. Mr. Blackstone moved to amend the report by inserting a paragraph to read, "And that a general Advance special therefor be established." He spoke in support of his amendment. Kathy LaPoint (California-Nevada) spoke against it. *Edward L. Duncan* (Detroit) spoke for the amendment.

Emerson S. Colaw (West Ohio) moved to amend the amendment by adding at the end of the eighth paragraph of the proposed resolution, the following words: "that additional funding of $250,000 annually be provided to make evangelism a genuine priority." He spoke in support of his amendment and indicated that if adopted it should be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration for implementation. *Alva H. Clark* (Nebraska) spoke in opposition to the amendment. *William B. Grove* (Western Pennsylvania) spoke in favor of it. *Martha E. Loyd* (West Virginia) opposed it. Roy E. Blessing (West Virginia) spoke in support of it. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) spoke for it.

John P. Miles (Little Rock) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The previous question motion was adopted. In his final statement for the committee, *Mr. Clark* said

that the question of funding had not been before the legislative committee, and that therefore he would not speak for or against the amendments. *Allan Zagray* (East Ohio) raised a parliamentary inquiry, and the Chair agreed that *Mr. Colaw's* motion was in effect a substitute for Mr. Blackstone's. *Mr. Colaw's* substitute was adopted, thereby replacing Mr. Blackstone's amendment. The amendment as substituted was adopted, and the report as amended was adopted (see page 1804).

Committee on Discipleship, Report No. 1, Calendar No. 130

Mr. Freeman stated that the Legislative Committee on Discipleship had some reports related to the missional priority on evangelism, and asked that they be introduced at this time. Wesley Bailey (Western North Carolina), chairman of the legislative committee, presented the report, indicating that it was supportive of the missional priority on evangelism. The report was approved (see page 1347).

Report No. 2, Calendar No. 131

Mr. Bailey explained that the report recommended concurrence with Recommendation #1 of the Membership Trends study; the report was adopted (see pages 1347, 2071).

Report No. 3, Calendar No. 132

Mr. Bailey presented the report, dealing with the celebration of Covenant Sunday, and it was adopted (see page 1347).

Report No. 4, Calendar No. 133

Mr. Bailey presented the report, which dealt with "Evangelism Week," and it was approved (see page 1347).

Report No. 5, Calendar No. 134

Mr. Bailey explained that the report dealt with Evangelism Sunday, and that it contained a recommendation for a special offering, with the proceeds to be used to fund evangelism programs. *Mr. Freeman,* chairman of the Legislative Committee on Council on Ministries, suggested that the report be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration. It was referred (see pages 1348, 2054).

Report No. 6, Calendar No. 135

Mr. Bailey noted that the report was related to Recommendation #2 of the Membership Trends study; it was adopted (see pages 1349, 2071).

Report No. 7, Calendar No. 136

Mr. Bailey presented the report, dealing with Recommendation #4 of the Membership Trends study, and it was approved (see pages 1349, 2071).

Report No. 8, Calendar No. 154

Mr. Bailey explained that the report dealt with Recommendation #5 of the Membership Trends study. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) asked a question regarding the scheduling of reports dealing with voting rights for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference; *Leroy C. Hodapp* (South Indiana), chairman of the Committee on Calendar, replied. Report No. 8 was adopted (see pages 1349, 2071).

Committee on Council on Ministries, Report No. 11, Calendar No. 320

G. Ross Freeman (South Georgia), chairman of the legislative committee, explained that the report dealt with the establishment of a quadrennial theme, the relationship of the missional priorities to the theme, and the task force which would oversee the theme. *Wayne E. Shoemaker* (Iowa) moved to amend the report by inserting the following new sentence just prior to the last paragraph: "Funds received from world hunger and evangelism priorities shall not be used to provide support for present staff members of the recipient boards and agencies, and no staff members to promote these causes shall be employed without the approval of the General Council on Ministries." He spoke in support of his amendment, and it was adopted.

Elaine J. Woodworth (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend the report as follows: by deleting the first eight paragraphs; by deleting from the ninth paragraph the words, "vital concerns enumerated in Committed to Christ-Called to Change be enabling guidelines for fulfillment of the theme and with" and "so that these issues together"; and by substituting "these priorities" for "the theme" in the last paragraph.

Ms. Woodworth: I'd like to speak to it. I know this isn't a very controversial proposal in a lot of ways, but I feel called to make the amendment. Some of you have read my feelings about this document as printed in the Young Adult Caucus newsletter. Combining two sorry pieces of proposed kind of programming emphasis doesn't really make the union any better than either of the original two.

Before I go on, I want to make three basic amendments, just so that there's clarity about where I stand. I love the Church and I want it to be strong. I know that there are brilliant inspirational leaders in the Church and I take stewardship seriously. Because of these things, however, and because the Church exists in an agonizing world, we need to hear a strong voice to lead us in program development. I cannot vote for this document. It is tranquilizing in nature, simplistic in content, and disintegrated in organization.

The document calls us back to where we've already been when what we need is progressive leadership. While we've been here this week we've heard some dynamic speakers—Bishop Thomas, Bishop Armstrong, Dr. Olds, and Bishop Choy this morning, among them. These men have led us to see new directions for our ministry. It's good to get this kind of inspiration. If we as a General Conference can't grasp ahold of the hard realities we face, we ought to be ashamed, but, in any case, we ought to justify expending the Church's money to print resources until we have a document of quality to present to the Church and to the world. The three priorities we've just voted speak clearly and boldly to these issues. I urge concurrence with this amendment—that we let the Missional Priorities stand on their own sufficient merit.

William C. Vaughan (Virginia) spoke against the amendment. *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin) spoke for it. *John N. Grenfell* (Detroit) spoke in opposition to it. The amendment was defeated.

Report No. 11 was adopted as amended (see page 1778).

Committee on Conferences, Report No. 67, Calendar No. 153

C. R. Hager, Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Conferences. *Bruce Blake* (Kansas West), chairman of the committee, made a brief statement of introduction to the reports, which dealt with the subject of voting rights for three missionary conferences, and called on *Kenneth Hulit* (East Ohio) for presentation of the reports.

Mr. Hulit explained that the report grew out of the desire to extend General Conference voting rights to members of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Inasmuch as this was a matter requiring amendments to the Constitution, the report consisted of three such amendments, to Pars. 12, 22, and 53.

John E. Stumbo (Kansas East) spoke in support of the report. *Alferd E. Wilken* (Iowa) suggested that there was a misprint in one of the paragraph numbers in the printed report. Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) stated that the paragraphs cited in the report were paragraphs which needed to be amended as provided in the report. The Chair clarified that the report was to amend Pars. 12, 22, and 53 of the Constitution. The report was adopted, and the Chair stated that the vote in favor was "virtually unanimous," exceeding the two-thirds vote required for constitutional amendments (see page 1301).

Time Extended

The Chair called attention to the fact that the time set for adjournment was at hand. *Leroy C. Hodapp* (South Indiana) moved to extend the time to hear the remainder in a series of reports needed to complete the action just begun. The motion was adopted.

Committee on Conferences, Report No. 77, Calendar No. 332

Mr. Hulit explained that because there were no ministerial members of either the Alaska or Red Bird Missionary Conferences, a series of legislative and constitutional changes needed to be made to make possible the election of ministerial members to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. *Ben F. Jordan* (North Arkansas) asked a question for clarification; *Mr. Hulit* responded. Carroll H. Long (Holston) asked for information as to how many ministers and how many lay persons were in each of the missionary conferences. *Mr. Hulit* replied that there were no ministerial members in either Alaska or Red Bird Missionary Conference. *Thomas Roughface, Sr.* (Oklahoma Indian Missionary) reported that there were 65 ministers and 120 churches in his conference. *John W. Bischoff* (Red Bird Missionary) stated that there were 16 pastors and 26 churches in that conference. The report was adopted, and the Chair stated that it was by unanimous vote (see page 1306).

Report No. 70, Calendar No. 185

Mr. Hulit presented the report, explaining that it was enabling legislation related to the constitutional amendments which had been voted by the Conference. He indicated a change which needed to be made in the wording of the printed report.

Patrick Freeman (Kansas East) identified himself as one of four Native Americans with voting rights at this General Conference and asked that the other Native Americans present stand in their places. They were accorded a standing ovation by the Conference.

Report No. 70 was adopted (see page 1303).

Report No. 73, Calendar No. 188

Mr. Hulit stated that the report was similar to one which had already been approved, and the report was adopted (see page 1304).

Report No. 72, Calendar No. 187

Mr. Hulit explained that adoption of the report would have the effect of allowing Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference ministers to have their ordination recognized outside the boundaries of that Conference. The report was approved (see page 1304).

Report No. 68, Calendar No. 183

Mr. Hulit presented the report, an amendment to the

Disciplinary definition of a missionary conference, and it was adopted (see page 1302).

Report No. 71, Calendar No. 186

Mr. Hulit presented the report, which provided for consultation between the three missionary conferences and the Board of Global Ministries for the purpose of determining common elements which could be enacted into legislation. The report was approved (see page 1304).

Mr. Blake expressed appreciation to the representatives of the three missionary conferences who had worked with the Committee on Conferences in preparing these reports.

Matter of Privilege

R. Jervis Cooke (Peninsula), speaking on behalf of the delegations from the Washington Area, expressed appreciation for Bishop and Mrs. Mathews and for Bishop Mathews' presiding during the evening session.

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp, committee chairman, informed the Conference as to which reports it intended to have presented at the next day's sessions. He made an additional report as to the progress being made in dealing with legislative committee reports.

Adjournment

J. B. Holt (Secretary) made announcements. Bishop J. Waskom Pickett (Retired) led in a closing prayer.

EIGHTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1976
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Ralph T. Alton

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the eighth day, Wednesday, May 5, 1976, at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Indiana Area, presiding.

Zan Holmes, Jr. (North Texas) was the liturgist for the devotional service and led the Conference in a responsive Call to Worship. The hymn, "Come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," was sung. The Conference joined in a unison prayer. Selected spirituals were sung by The Rust College Choir, Holly Springs, Mississippi, under the direction of Mrs. Lassaye Van Buren Holmes. Following the reading of Matthew 28:16-20, Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Dallas-Ft. Worth Area, preached the devotional sermon on the subject, "And Gladly Teach" (see page 795). The closing hymn was "Go, Make of All Disciples." Bishop Stowe pronounced the benediction.

Matters of Privilege

Merlin D. Conoway (North Mississippi) asked the Conference to join him in expressing appreciation to The Rust College Choir, and the Conference responded with applause. *Mr. Conoway* also expressed thanks to *DePriest Whye* of the Black College Fund and to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry for their help in making it possible for the choir to travel from Holly Springs to Portland.

Richard P. Meredith (Little Rock) made a statement of appreciation for Bishop and Mrs. Frank and for Bishop Frank's presiding at the Monday evening session of the Conference.

Committee on Presiding Officers

Robert Tolbert (East Ohio) reported for the committee that Bishop Alton had been chosen to preside at this session, and that Bishops Roy C. Nichols and James S. Thomas had been chosen to preside at the afternoon and evening sessions respectively.

Committee on Agenda

Melvin Brawn (California-Nevada), on behalf of the committee, moved adoption of the committee's report as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* (see Journal, page 822).

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Committee member Marilynn Mabee (Southern California-Arizona) presented the report and called attention to the committee's printed report (see page). She asked that *Gene E. Sease* (Western Pennsylvania), chairman of the Commission on the General Conference, be recognized for presentation of members of that Commission and of the local committee.

Mr. Sease presented members of the Commission on the General Conference: *Arthur Thurman, A. C. Epps,* William Beatty, *Scott Bozeman,* Thurman Dodson, Ruth Boehlke, *Stanford Strosahl, DeWayne Woodring,* Carl Hall, Marion Walker, *Paul Myers,* R. Bryan Brawner, A. G. Jefferson, *Irving Smith,* and the Business Manager and Director of Facilities for the Conference, *Norman L. Conard.* He asked that the presentation of members of the local committee be postponed briefly.

Ms. Mabee asked that Bishop Paul L. A. Granadosin, Philippines Central Conference, be recognized for a matter of privilege. Bishop Granadosin introduced *Clemente S. Zuniga, Jr.* (Philippines), who reported that word had been received of the death of the father of lay delegate Balbino E. Gatdula, Jr. (Philippines). *Mr. Zuniga* stated that *Mr. Gatdula, Sr.* had been the oldest living minister of the church in the Philippines and asked that the Conference express sympathy to his family. By vote of the Conference it was so ordered.

Mr. Sease introduced Herbert C. Hardy, the chairperson of the local committee, who presented other local committee members: Earlene Anders, *Earl Riddle,* Ruth Peterson, William J. Huneger, *Henry L. Haines,* Jeanie Stoppel, Howard Somers, Elizabeth Watson, *James Jenkins,* and Lon Burdge. *Mr. Sease* also introduced Chuck Earls, Director of Music, and Jonas Nordwall, Organist.

Ms. Mabee asked that *Ralph M. Houston,* president of the Judicial Council, be recognized for a matter of privilege. *Mr. Houston* presented retired and retiring members of the Judicial Council who were present: Vincent P. Clarke, *A. Wesley Pugh, Murray H. Leiffer,* Theodore M. Berry, Kathryn Mowrey Grove, and *I. Lynd Esch.*

Ms. Mabee asked that *Hoover Rupert,* a member of the Judicial Council, be recognized for a matter of privilege. *Mr. Rupert* expressed appreciation on behalf of members of the Judicial Council to the four persons who were retiring from the Council at the end of this General Conference session, Mr. Berry, Ms. Grove, *Mr. Esch,* and *Mr. Houston,* the president of the Council during the past quadrennium.

Matters of Privilege

J. Kenneth Forbes (South Indiana), speaking on behalf of the conferences of the Indiana Area, expressed a word of welcome for the 1980 General Conference, to be held in Indianapolis, and noted that the area delegations had had souvenir pens placed on delegates' desks as a reminder of the plans for that Conference.

The Chair requested that as many matters of privilege as possible be processed through the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges. Dight W. Crain (Southern New England) called attention to Report No. 4 of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, dealing with the retirement of *Emory Stevens Bucke;* the Chair stated that there would be a special time of recognition for *Mr. Bucke* at a later session of the Conference.

As a matter of privilege, Alfred B. Bonds (East Ohio) expressed gratitude to Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe "for the insightful, moving expression which he gave to the relationship between vital piety and knowledge in his presentation this morning."

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the committee, made remarks regarding the remaining time available to the Conference and its progress in considering calendar items. He asked delegates to indicate by a show of hands whether they could remain for a Saturday morning session, if such a session were held. On the basis of the response, he stated that the Conference should plan to complete its business at the Friday evening session. He cautioned that his statement was not to be understood as a formal action setting the time of final adjournment. He moved that for the remaining three days of the Conference, 2 p.m. be set as the hour for convening the afternoon session, and the motion was adopted.

Jimmy Sowder (Florida) asked a question about the possibility of a quorum for a Saturday morning session; the Chair responded. *Richard W. Harrington* (Western New York) moved that the Conference request the Commission on the General Conference to announce beforehand the adjournment time for the 1980 General Conference, and that the Conference then work toward that time and keep faith with it. The motion was adopted, and the Chair stated that the action would be referred.

Mr. Hodapp called on Jeanie Stoppel (Oregon-Idaho), secretary of the Committee on Calendar, to give leadership in the presentation of committee reports.

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, Report No. 116, Calendar Nos. 494, 495 (see pages 1489, 1915, 1934)

Ms. Stoppel called on *Thomas A. Langford* (Western North Carolina), chairman of the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, for reports from that committee. *Dr. Langford* explained the format in which the report was printed, noting that deletions and additions were with reference to the report of the Bishop and District Superintendent Study Commission as printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate.* He pointed out editorial corrections which needed to be made in the printed report of the legislative committee, and stated also that Par. 398.1 of the 1972 *Book of Discipline* should be inserted immediately following Par. 510 of the legislative committee report. He called on *Merlyn W. Northfelt* (Northern Illinois), chairman of the study commission, for a statement.

Mr. Northfelt: Bishop Alton and members of the General Conference, it's my privilege now to remind you that one week ago today we gave you the background of our report. We do not intend to repeat that.

But today, very briefly, as we prepare for the debate which is to come on the issue of life or term episcopacy, I wish to call your attention to the fact that the specifics of the commission's report are based on the assumption by the commission that the office of the bishop needs both to be strengthened and held accountable by the Church by realistic support and accountability structures.

You will not find in the commission's report any legislation regarding the life issue, because it is already in the Constitution, and we began with the assumption that it should be continued. But we would call your attention to the fact that an open election process called for in our report is intended to provide an opportunity to measure potential candidates for election to the office of bishop by the guidelines we have proposed for leadership in our times.

Popularity and geographical origin are not adequate reasons for electing anyone. But style of leadership, theological competence, commitment to Christ, and integrity are important, yes, even vital. Further, we wish to affirm and reinforce the office of the bishop as a general superintendent. And we say to them that they are members of a corporate body, namely the Council of Bishops.

In that body they must hold one another accountable for their episcopal leadership. They are not individuals free to do as they please about whatever they please without recognizing that they have corporate responsibility to and for their colleagues.

We as a commission felt it important also to reaffirm the unique system of appointment-making in American Methodism, and hence have inserted quite a lengthy part to our report in that regard. For among other things it is our belief that ethnic minorities, and of women particularly, have a greater possibility for appointment in our system than in any other system. We believe also it is the authority of the office of bishop that clearly guarantees that right. We believe that term episcopacy would weaken the appointive system, and hence another reason for our basic assumption for life tenure.

Finally, we have taken another step toward general superintendency and away from parochialism by a new system of appointing bishops across jurisdictional lines. Our report thus may be seen both as a message to the bishops and to the Church, for it is our firm conclusion that the time has come to reaffirm the need for a strong, prophetic office of bishop to be filled by persons who see themselves

as servants of Christ and His Church and will make themselves accountable to one another, to their constituents, and to the church at large.

The commission is pleased with the high level of debate that has taken place in the commission itself, in the sub-committee of the Legislative Committee on the Ministry, and in the whole legislative committee. And now we are pleased at the prospect of a candid, open, and rational debate in this General Conference on an issue that we feel to be of extreme importance, and we ask that you will support the study committee working through this quadrennium in its entire report. Thank you.

Richard E. Hamilton (South Indiana) moved to amend the report by including in it amendments to the Constitution, Division Three, Pars. 50-59, as proposed in the study commission "Minority Report to the General Conference Concerning Term Episcopacy," a report which had been distributed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate.* He noted that the amendment was, in effect, a minority report of the legislative committee to Report No. 116 as found in Calendar No. 495.

Mr. Hamilton: The individuals for whom I speak at this moment bring before you the critical amendment to the report of the Commission to Study the Episcopacy and the District Superintendency, having to do of course with term episcopacy. I want to say that last night the action of this body and the discussion in terms of missional and programmatic material was a very positive and constructive session. We see this morning as an extension of that kind of approach to the work of the Church, now addressing the question of leadership style and philosophy. It's the belief of the 24 members of the legislative committee (a number which does not appear in the report of action because it was taken on a preliminary motion in the legislative committee, but 24 members of that committee voted for the amendment which is now being presented to you)—the belief of these people, and I am sure of many others, is that we desire also to make the leadership style of The United Methodist Church consistent at the highest level of the Church with that which prevails throughout. We appreciate very much a great deal of the content of the work of this study commission and affirm most of it.

We bring this specific amendment. I want to call your attention to the fact that we have already dealt in this body with statements about the general ministry of all Christian believers. We have been studying this week the way in which the ordained ministry rises out of that and is supported by that in the body of the Church and that from the ordained ministry, there are selected general and district superintendents.

Report of the study commission affirms the essential unity of those offices. The two are distinctly related, and it is the position of those for whom I speak just now that we should make consistent across the life of the Church the pattern of leadership which rises from the body of believers, assumes functions of leadership for a time, and then moves to other positions of leadership and input.

I want to urge your free and careful consideration of this proposal to extend that principle of leadership which moves throughout the life of the Church, except at the point of episcopal leadership. We do not believe that any term episcopacy would be in violation of any principle. We believe it is consistent with the missional tradition out of which our several predecessor denominations came and The United Methodist Church in which it stands in which the style and form of leadership varies with mission and time and setting. Now this principle is supported by a great many people throughout The United Methodist Church.

The General Conference of 1972 commissioned this group to study the episcopacy with specific reference to tenure. That body was not to begin with an assumption about tenure. Its report includes a report to you about a survey taken in which a majority of pastors and laity across the church supported the principle of a limited term episcopacy. I direct you to that as a part of the report of the commission itself.

We do not believe that this consideration nor certainly do we believe that the action here being proposed is a thing to be feared. It has been under consideration for a long time. It has been brought into open and broad discussion by the commission's work itself.

It is an action which would not take effect until 1980 and would not affect any present residents in the episcopal office. I would remind you that the nature of the episcopacy takes various forms in terms of tenure, in various parts of our tradition, and in Central Conferences and elsewhere, it is already in effect.

I think the question that's asked most which seems to stop discussion of this in minds of many, is the question what would you do when a bishop's term has come to a conclusion. Now I pause there to let you think about that question rather than just shut off debate with the question. What is it in that question which seems to dictate an automatic response on many people. Is it that the persons who occupy the office of the episcopacy have changed to such a degree that their leadership and recognized abilities could not be well invested in the Church in other places?

The leadership style for which we are contending is that which rises from the body, which assumes a specific and highly strategic, very important office of leadership in the Church for a time, and then returns to other places of leadership in the Church. I do not believe that the so-called problem of re-entry is impossible at all. It is faced every year in every conference with the return of district superintendents. It could be faced in the general Church with the return of general superintendents.

There has been consensus on this in the discussion. We're talking about the style and nature of leadership in the church. We contend for flexibility. We contend for freedom in that office. We do not believe that either spiritual leadership or prophetic vigor and courage are guaranteed by a specific style of episcopacy. We believe those characteristics are found just as widely outside the episcopal office as within it, and we contend they need not stand together.

We see this not as a step back from a form of leadership which has served United Methodist churches very well. We see it as a step forward. We see it as an affirmation of the direction in which we as a people in our time are moving, and in which the church can move. We think the time is coming for this affirmation of flexible, moving, free and vigorous leadership in The United Methodist Church, and that this Conference could be a part of its coming.

Mr. Chairman, in conclusion, I would like to move a procedural motion, sir, and that is that when the vote is taken in this body on the motion to amend, which I have made, that that vote be by written ballot.

The Chair indicated that *Mr. Hamilton's* procedural motion required only a one-third vote for approval. *Willie B. Clay* (Northern Illinois) raised a point of order, that *Mr. Hamilton*, having made a speech, was not in order in making his procedural motion. The Chair ruled that the procedural motion was in order. *A. C. Epps* (North Georgia) objected to the call for a written ballot, inasmuch as ballots which could be counted by computer were available for use. There ensued a discussion between the Chair, *Mr. Hamilton*, and the Secretary concerning the intent of

Mr. Hamilton's motion and the various types of ballots provided for in the Rules of the Conference. *Mr. Hamilton* stated that if the option of a written ballot was not available except as a signed ballot, he would amend his procedural motion to accept the use of ballot cards designed for computerized counting.

Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia) expressed the view that *Mr. Hamilton* was trying to achieve a secret ballot. *William B. Lewis* (Southern Illinois) called for a counted ballot, but not a secret ballot. The Chair clarified that *Mr. Hamilton* had amended his procedural motion to provide for the use of the prepared ballot cards; the motion was put to a vote and adopted.

Royal B. Fishbeck, Jr. (Troy) asked a question regarding the legislative committee vote on the issue of term episcopacy. *Mr. Hamilton* replied that the vote on the essence of that issue had been 24 for term episcopacy, 69 against.

Dr. Langford spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Dr. Langford: This is an historic occasion. Three times in American Methodist tradition the fundamental nature of our episcopacy has been questioned, in 1808, 1844, and 1976. Today the issue is before us because a group of persons is persuaded that term episcopacy would be best for United Methodism. This is a serious matter and would radically affect United Methodist polity.

What is the strength of their argument? Do they have reason, convincing reason? I have studied the minority report as printed. I have listened at length to their arguments in our committee, and I find their position to be inadequate. The minority report is unpersuasive. It allows a thin description of contemporary culture to set its agenda. Rather than discerning a deep mood of Church and society, it quickly grabs contemporary jargon, such as "openness" and "change" and "democratic styles of leadership," and refers in support to such improbabilities as demise of academic tenure and term appointment of Supreme Court Justices.

The description is neither accurate nor a sufficient base for such important recommendations. The foundations of the supports are unusually weak. For instance, they seriously raise the question, "Do bishops have adequate feedback?" They find that 71 percent of bishops think they do, 26 percent of clergy think they do, 43 percent of laity think they do. This is an intriguing but meaningless statistic. Suppose you insert the word "parent" for bishop and then check with teen-aged children and neighbors. Or suppose you insert the words "local pastor" for bishop and then check with laity and UMYF members. The percentages would be roughly comparable. The condition is general, not specific. The report is romantic about youth, somewhat saccharin about providing opportunity for privilege, rather cynical about age, uneasy about strong leadership, confused about appropriate diversity of function, and without clear historical awareness.

The most serious deficiencies are that the minority report is devoid of all theological bases and completely lacks analysis of administrative structure or systems of function. It is personalistic, privatistic, and individualistic. The question is not whether one likes bishops, or has known bishops who are nice, or what shall we do with bishops when they retire. What is at issue are polity and power. In terms of polity, we are dealing with no small thing. We are talking about the fundamental nature of our structure as a denomination.

In American Methodist tradition the episcopacy has been the cohering center of

our connectional system. Our system is not connected because we have boards or agencies or bureaucracies—Presbyterian or Congregational polities also have those. Our tradition is connectional because of the episcopacy.

The episcopacy is the center of our system of itineracy. The bishops are to move from conference to conference and serve the general Church. This is so important that Rule No. 3, the restrictive Rule No. 3, states the General Conference shall not destroy the plan of our general superintendency. I submit to you that in fact term episcopacy does this in spirit and perhaps in fact. This is a historical occasion; the issue is fundamental; I hope you'll support the majority position.

John D. Wolf (North Indiana) asked a question about the minority report; *Mr. Hamilton* responded. *Mr. Wolf* moved to amend the minority report by changing the term proposed for bishops from eight to twelve years. He spoke in support of his amendment. *Robert A. Byler* (West Ohio) attempted to speak on the minority report as a whole, but the Chair ruled that only speeches on *Mr. Wolf's* amendment were in order at this time. *Melvin M. Finkbeiner* (Pacific Northwest) spoke against *Mr. Wolf's* amendment. Erwin H. Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) spoke for it. It was adopted.

Emerson S. Colaw (West Ohio) called attention to the fact that *Mr. Byler* wished to speak on the minority report.

Mr. Byler: I rise to speak in favor of term episcopacy, because of the reasons set before us by the Study Commission. If you were to read carefully what they are proposing I think they came up with the wrong conclusion because they started with a premise rather than with a study.

The power of the idea of "term episcopacy" resides not in the misuse of the office or any other reasons similar to the abuse of the office but in the nature of superintendency described in the legislation under study at the present time.

Under the study, and I quote from page F-11, "Initially, the commission attempted to treat bishops and district superintendents separately. It was found that such distinctions made little theological sense. In fact, the tasks of superintending join both offices and link them together in a functional relationship." So that the opening statement, then, of this section is, "The task of superintending in The United Methodist Church resides in the offices of Bishop and extends to the district superintendency with each possessing distinct responsibility."

Now if the Church sees fit to declare that a six-year term for a district superintendent does not hinder the work of that superintendent, why should it hamper a general superintendent in a position of tenure? This responsibility is the same and therefore should be treated alike.

The office of district superintending has risks in it as well as general superintendency, and they should be treated alike. The questionnaire of where the feeling of the Church was, was lightly put aside by the chairman of this Higher Education Committee, but I think it has validity in that it shows that the persons who are closest to life episcopacy are not in favor of tenure. Next would be district superintendents, then clergy, then laity where the strongest move is at the present time to consider this proposition.

Since life tenure is not essential to the nature of episcopacy, but is something which we adapted after we got going and not originally in Wesley's idea, therefore, it is an historic moment, and the time has come for us to consider this

proposition. I am not afraid of the future with life tenure for general superintendents. It is only in accord with the way in which the world is going. It is not taking the agenda from the world, but is leading the world in the right direction.

Ethel W. Born (Virginia): When we arrived here, the latest issue of *The New World Outlook* was on our desk, and perhaps you noticed the excellent editorial which referred to the matter of the term episcopacy. I would quote just one sentence from it. It is this, "We must say that we think term episcopacy is a terrible idea which, if adopted, will have the opposite effect of what its supportants claim."

I would follow up that statement with these points. First of all, we are hearing the claims that the episcopacy promotes an autocratic nature. Let us realize that once one is elected to a job for life, no matter what it is, that there is a more relaxed attitude and the freedom to do one's job. The majority report pointed out that the episcopal leaders need the freedom to take personal risks. Life election to the episcopacy provides this.

We are hearing about what will happen when a bishop must be returned to the Annual Conference. I am not concerned about this at all, for the leadership which they would provide would be welcomed in many areas of conferences, districts and local churches. My concern is the loss to the Church when the build-up of continuing leadership and wisdom is no longer available to our Church should we vote for a term episcopacy. Let us remember that it is this build-up of wisdom that is housed only in the Council of Bishops.

If we were to have an in and out, eight-year tenure for bishops, let us remember that the real continuing leadership of the Church would be in the elected staff members of our boards who have no such limitations. It is the Council of Bishops that does provide the cement that holds our connectional system together. Each board has its own advocacy, it has its own priorities, and often times is a divisive, although unintentional, divisive influence in our Church because of their responsibilities.

And so I would strongly urge you, for the sake of the connectionalism of The United Methodist Church, to vote against the amendment and maintain life episcopacy.

Harry K. Underwood (Baltimore) raised a point of order, that the time set for recess was past. The Chair replied that, under the new rule, the presiding officer could determine the time of recess.

Porter J. Womeldorff (Central Illinois) moved "that the matter of term episcopacy be referred to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry with instructions to: a) perfect the concept of term episcopacy, including length of term, eligibility for reelection, handling of pension benefits, post-episcopal privileges, and other such administrative matters as are presently unresolved, and b) report to the General Conference of 1980, with such report to include complete proposed legislation." He spoke in support of his motion. Roy E. Blessing (West Virginia) spoke against it. Mr. Womeldorff's motion of reference was defeated.

Gordon C. Goodgame (Holston): I do not appreciate the way in which we have been lambasted with general accusations of being general. This is a method that is not new to the Church.

There are those who were referred to as disturbers of the peace for turning the

world upside down. We are heirs of that tradition. There were those accused of being like wild boars in the vineyard. We are heirs of that tradition. There are those who began to preach in the field and do other things that were not like they used to be. We are heirs of that tradition.

We are people who have thought this matter through. The biblical perspective of the matter does not tell us that bishops were to operate anything like we now have in our more complex society. For that matter, I find little reason to believe that the prophetic nature of either Elijah or Amos or many of the others was as the result of being guaranteed safety of position.

Historically we have come out of a tradition that reacted against much of the episcopacy, and I do not want to react against the episcopacy, but I do wish to say that we are part of a tradition where neither Calvin nor Luther nor Wesley were guaranteed a prophetic place by office.

Now as we move into my experience, and I believe I am being theological along our line as we have adopted as United Methodists, my experience has been that Martin Luther King was not guaranteed safety but was prophetic. I appreciate the bishops under whom I have served and the men of my jurisdiction. I appreciate Bishop Armstrong and Bishop Tuell and Bishop Nichols and Bishop Stowe, and a lot of great persons who have served.

My experience is, however, that greatness does not necessarily come with safety. Nor does it necessarily come with holding on to the past. I appreciate our past. I celebrate our history. Reason tells me, however, that in the current day if we are to follow Dr. Niebuhr and look at the advances in management and leadership, we are likely to find that in a voluntary group, greater participation is needed.

I want to support my bishops. I want to invite them to be a full participating part of the whole body of Christ. Let us not separate them or oppose them. We want to bring them into the group and surround them with our love so that the Holy Spirit, working through the whole body of Christ, can make us one and strong and able to move ahead.

I think that we need to put this on a positive basis, looking to using our best persons in the best way, working together, accepting that the spirit does not flow through the channels but comes through the body and makes us one and strong. Thank you.

Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania): I am a very practical person. I expect my leader to be a very practical person who is willing to adopt goals and to work toward the future, with long range planning in mind. I am against this amendment for the simple reason that the Church doesn't move very fast, and it takes quite awhile to develop long-range planning and to really become involved in the work. I expect my leader to know all the preachers and most of the laypeople in the Annual Conference. You don't learn all this and their idiosyncracies in a short time. I hope we will not approve this amendment.

Paul M. Minus (West Ohio): Mr. Chairman, four historical and theological considerations compel me to vote in favor of the minority and to urge you to do likewise.

First, as John Wesley himself saw, the New Testament prescribes no single pattern of Church government. Instead, the Gospel frees us to develop fresh forms of leadership that best fit the needs and opportunity of every new age.

Second, life episcopacy does have a long history in the Christian church, but note this fact. It developed under the influence of the monarchal form of government that prevailed in the Roman Empire, and that persisted for many centuries afterwards. In the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, life episcopacy usually has been justified theologically by the argument that the bishop represents a third and supreme order of ministry, that he, alone, receives the fulness of priestly ministry and that he receives it for life.

Thirdly, our spiritual forebears emphatically insisted that Methodism must have no part of those ancient traditions that made episcopacy a separate and supreme order of ministry. John Wesley thought that while the superintendent has an important leadership role, the superintendent remains one elder among other elders. Francis Asbury had this to say, and I quote: "We make no special claim for the office of bishop as the Latin, Greek, English or Lutheran bishops do. One can easily see that we are so different that we are not even third cousins."

And the last point, the real genius of our heritage is the ability to improvise, to develop fresh patterns that let us best carry forward Christ's servant ministry in every age. The Minority Report challenges us to be faithful to this great heritage by now adopting a pattern of leadership that can help bring us closer both to the spirit of Christ and to the spirit of our time.

Jerome K. Del Pino (Southern New England): I have been a Methodist all of my life, by virtue of birth, and by virtue of my own convictions and religious experience. I would suggest to this body that the method of historical selectivity that has been prevailing in arguments both for and against life tenure are arguments that are incomplete without relating them to our present condition and circumstance.

It is theologically as well as historically naive to assume that by proof-texting both biblically and in terms of historical record that we are going to be able to adumbrate our arguments for or against life tenure, in such a way that it is going to make sense in this complex world in which we live.

If anything can be drawn from tradition, it is primarily that the spirit itself—the spirit which was to be of the whole community of the faithful—that which resided in the office and not the person.

I believe that in this particular time it is already more than self-evident that The United Methodist Church is perhaps the most political institution in the world. It is also more self-evident to me that this institution is as subject, if not more so, to the slings and arrows of an instant culture, a culture that is constantly in the throes of change, and without very much foundation.

The direction that our Church has taken so forthrightly in its previous history toward making it an institution that is inclusive of all God's people is a direction, I would say, that is not due to the most assiduous work of our boards and agencies, but it is due to the fact that in my opinion there is a basis of continuity of not only tradition but of accountability. That resides fundamentally in the office of bishop.

I believe that if we in this body move at this time to adopt a measure that is going to, in fact, leave us open constantly to the politicizing that is already over-prevalent in this body, where we are constantly going to be facing a revolving door of men and women, I hope and pray some day, who are going to have to be worried, who are going to have to be under the threat of the reprisals that do come with not having guarantee of what reentry is going to be.

I believe that the continuity which is provided in this arrangement which we presently have needs only for us as a body to make clear the terms of accountability. That has not been done. I lament the fact that we are not able at this time to have any more than the number of minority bishops that we presently have sitting on the bench. I lament that. I lament that we do not have women who have been elected to episcopacy. But I do not believe that these long historical problems are going to be dealt with in the moment, instantaneously, by adopting a procedure for seeing to it that the life of this Church no longer has continuity in terms of its leadership strength, in terms of its direction.

I, also, believe that if we are to be responsible for future generations of this Church, if we are to be responsible in terms of our accountability to the world for our ministry, which is connectional, then we have no other alternative but to see to it that we do not, in a very real sense, discard the baby with the bath. But maybe we just simply need to change those methods by which accountability are to be upheld.

Harvey L. Watson (North Carolina) raised a point of order, that the Chair was not recognizing persons who wished to speak in certain sections of the auditorium. Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) moved the previous question, and the previous question motion was adopted. *Richard Hamilton* (South Indiana) made a final statement in behalf of the minority report.

The Chair stated the issue on which the Conference would be voting. Paul Hardin (Northern New Jersey) raised a point of order for clarification; the Chair responded. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) gave instructions for taking the vote. *Merlyn Northfelt* asked for the right to make the final statement in behalf of the majority position. The Chair replied that when *Dr. Langford* rose to speak at the beginning of the debate, the Chair had stated to him that he interpreted his speech to be in lieu of a last speech for the committee position. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) asked that in the future ballot cards be prepared in a way that persons who are color-blind could identify them easily. When the ballots had been received, the Chair declared that the ballot was closed, and that the Conference would be in recess for fifteen minutes.

Committee on Administrative Order, Report No. 95, Calendar No. 388 (Consideration Resumed)

Mr. Hodapp asked that, while the vote on Calendar No. 495 was being counted, the Conference resume consideration of Calendar No. 388, which had been interrupted the previous day (see page 1894). *David A. Duck* (South Georgia), chairman of the legislative committee, called on *Charles A. Sayre* (Southern New Jersey) to continue with the presentation of the report.

Mr. Sayre presented the proposed changes to Par. 802, and they were approved. He presented the proposed new Par. 803, and it was adopted.

Mr. Sayre explained the various sections of the proposed Par. 804. *William O. Walker* (Oregon-Idaho) asked a question for clarification; the Chair responded. *Robert Courtney* (East Ohio) moved to amend the proposed Par. 804.1 by deleting the sentence, "At least one of the clergy shall be a woman." He spoke in favor of his amendment. *David H. Andrews* (Baltimore) spoke against it. Willard A. Zellmer (Pacific Northwest) spoke for the deletion. Katherine A. Wilcox (West Michigan) spoke in opposition to it. *Edward L. Duncan* (Detroit) asked whether the nominating procedure was to be amended so as to assure the nomination of women clergy by annual conferences; *Mr. Sayre* stated that it was not. *Mr. Duncan* spoke in support of the amendment. *Joe A. Harding* (Pacific Northwest) moved the previous question on the amendment; the motion was adopted.

Mr. Sayre made a final statement in behalf of the committee position. The amendment was defeated.

John D. Humphrey, Sr. (North Mississippi) asked a question; *Mr. Sayre* responded. The Chair stated that the count of the vote on Calendar No. 495 was completed and would be reported to the Conference following action on the paragraph under consideration.

Edward L. Duncan (Detroit) moved to amend proposed Par. 804 to provide that each annual conference would nominate a clergyman and a clergywoman for each of the boards to the jurisdictional conferences. He spoke in support of his amendment. *Charles H. Mercer* (North Carolina) spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.

John Chittum (East Ohio) asked a procedural question; *Mr. Sayre* and the Chair responded. The proposed Par. 804 was put to a vote and was approved.

Report on Vote, Calendar No. 495

The Secretary read the results of the vote on Calendar No. 495: Yes, 345; No, 625; Number voting, 970. The Chair stated that Calendar No. 495, the minority report to Report No. 116 of the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, was defeated (see page 1489).

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, Report No. 116, Calendar No. 494 (Consideration Resumed)

Thomas L. Cromwell (East Ohio) moved that, for the remainder of the consideration of this report, each speaker be limited to not more than three minutes. He spoke in support of the motion; it was adopted.

Lester L. Moore (Iowa) attempted to offer an amendment to the report, but the Chair asked that he defer, pending a procedural motion by *Dr. Langford. Dr. Langford* moved that the Conference consider the report section by section, seriatim. The motion was adopted.

Richard D. Tholin (Northern Illinois) moved to amend the report, Par. 501, the first sentence, by changing "office" to "offices" and by deleting the words "extends to the"; and further, to amend Par. 515, the first sentence, by deleting the words, "Inasmuch as the district superintendency is an extension of the general superintendency." He spoke in support of his amendment. Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr. (Southern New England) spoke against it. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) opposed it. The amendment was defeated.

Charles A. Sayre (Southern New Jersey) attempted to offer an

amendment to Section III of the report, but the Chair ruled that it was not in order at this time. Section I, Pars. 501-502, was put to a vote and was approved.

Jeanne D. Barger (Western New York) attempted to offer an amendment to Par. 502. *Dr. Langford* pointed out that that was a part of the section which had just been approved. The Chair stated that Section II of the report was now under consideration.

John G. Johnson (Western Pennsylvania) moved to amend the report, Par. 503, by placing a period after the phrase, "are ordained to be ministers," and deleting the rest of the sentence. He spoke in support of his amendment. *Robert Tolbert* (East Ohio) spoke against it. *Edgar F. Singer* (Wyoming) spoke in favor of it.

S. Clifton Ives (Maine) moved to amend the amendment so that only the word "royal" would be deleted. *Ralph B. Huston* (Florida) spoke against the amendment. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) spoke against it. *Van Bogard Dunn* (East Ohio) asked whether, in the committee report, Par. 503 would contain the biblical references which were a part of the study commission report; *Mr. Langford* stated that the references would be retained. *Mr. Dunn* spoke in support of the amendment which would result in their being deleted.

James F. W. Talley (Baltimore) moved the previous question on the Johnson amendment, and the previous question motion was adopted. The amendment to delete only the word "royal" was put to a vote and was defeated.

Vernon Bigler (Western New York): I just want to rise to support the language of the committee. This language is language which is very crucial in our understanding of the ministry, not because the language speaking as it does of the words "sacrament" and "order" sets the ministry aside in a sense of being better or worse or different, but in that it clearly defines the function of the ordained elder.

Now we live in a time when we're having a very difficult time discovering what it means to function appropriately, and this is a statement that has come out of very hard and long and serious theological and ecumenical and scholarly study, and also a historical study of the nature of the function of those who are ordained. And I urge this Conference to maintain these words which put us in a clear tradition of the best which we know in the Christian Church, not only in our time but through the centuries, not only in our denomination but ecumenically, not only in terms of our own polity but in terms of the Church Universal. These are significant words and don't take them lightly.

Forrest C. Stith (Baltimore): My only concern in the language is that it seems to imply that the words of Paul, which are meant for the Church itself and its ministers all, lay and clergy, is now being significantly applied to just those who are clergy. And I think that might be a little misleading.

Leigh Roberts (Wisconsin) moved the previous question on all before the Conference in Section II, and the previous question

motion was adopted. *Dr. Langford* made a final statement in behalf of the committee position. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) asked a question regarding the language of the committee report and the effect of Mr. Johnson's amendment. The Chair and *Dr. Langford* responded. *Paul E. Myers* (Central Pennsylvania) made a comment about the effect of the amendment on another section of the *Discipline*. Mr. Johnson's amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. Section II of the report was put to a vote and was approved.

Robert J. McCune (Central New York) moved to amend the report, Par. 506.2, the provision governing the maximum length of a bishop's assignment to the same residence, by changing "eight" to "twelve." He spoke in support of his amendment. *John E. Rutland* (North Alabama) spoke against it. *F. Lewis Walley* (Eastern Pennsylvania) spoke for it. Theressa Hoover (New York) spoke in opposition to it. *David L. Dykes, Jr.* (Louisiana) spoke in favor of it. D. W. Brooks (North Georgia) asked a question about the content of the legislative committee report; *Mr. Langford* responded.

John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois) moved the previous question on the amendment and on Section III of the report. The previous question motion was adopted. *Mr. McCune's* amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. Section III of the report was approved.

Dr. Langford presented Section IV of the report. Paul V. Shearer (Iowa) asked if this would be the proper time to present a motion of implementation related to Par. 509 of the report. The Chair suggested that the motion be deferred until after the full report had been adopted.

William B. Grove (Western Pennsylvania) asked the Chair to rule as to whether the motion for the previous question on Section III of the report had been in order, inasmuch as there had been no discussion on the section itself, but only on an amendment to the section. The Chair stated that *Mr. Grove* was correct, and that discussion on Section III was still in order.

Merrill W. Drennan (Baltimore) moved to amend the report, Par. 506.2, by substituting "episcopal area(s)" for "residence(s)" in two places where it appeared in that paragraph. The amendment was adopted.

Wallace T. Shook (Texas) moved to amend the report, Par. 506.2, the last sentence of the paragraph, by placing a period after the words, "recently held" and deleting the remainder of the sentence. He spoke in support of his amendment. *Lyle Christianson* (Minnesota) spoke against it. *Merlyn Northfelt*

(Northern Illinois) made a final statement in behalf of the committee position. The amendment was defeated.

Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia) moved to amend the report, Par. 507.1, by changing the date at the end of the paragraph from "1980" to "1984." He spoke in support of the amendment. *Mr. Northfelt* stated the committee position. The amendment was defeated.

Richard W. Harrington (Western New York) asked a question; *Mr. Langford* responded.

The Chair stated that the time set for adjournment of the session had been reached.

Matters of Privilege

Charles E. Hefley (North Indiana), speaking on behalf of the conferences of the Indiana Area, expressed appreciation for Bishop and Mrs. Alton and their service in that Area, for Bishop Alton's presiding at this session of the General Conference, and for his service as Secretary of the Council of Bishops.

Gregorio R. Bailen (Northwest Philippines) made a statement about the difficulty delegates from outside the United States were having gaining recognition from certain sections of the auditorium.

Adjournment

J. B. Holt (Secretary) read announcements. Bishop L. Scott Allen, Holston Area, pronounced the benediction, and the session was adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1976
AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop Roy C. Nichols

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the afternoon session of the eighth day, Wednesday, May 5, 1976, at 2:00 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Roy C. Nichols, Pittsburgh Area, presiding.

Carlton R. Young led in the singing of the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," and Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte Area, offered the opening prayer.

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, Report No. 116, Calendar No. 494 (Consideration Resumed)

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the Committee on Calendar, called on *Thomas A. Langford* (Western North Carolina), chairman of the legislative committee, to lead in resumption of consideration of the report which had been interrupted at the close of the morning session (see pages 1489, 1915). *Charles D. White* (Western North Carolina), Assistant Secretary, stated that Section III of the report was before the Conference, with no amendment pending.

Dr. Langford stated that a delegate wished to be recognized for a motion of reconsideration. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) moved to reconsider an earlier amendment to Par. 506.2 whereby the term "residence(s)" had been changed to "episcopal area(s)" in the legislation in two places. The motion to reconsider was approved. He explained that the point of using the term "residence" was to give the jurisdictional conferences the authority to determine where the residence of a bishop shall be within the episcopal area. He moved that the original language of the report be restored in the two places where it had been changed by the amendment. The motion was adopted.

William B. Grove (Western Pennsylvania) moved to amend the report, Par. 506.2, by inserting a new sentence at the end of the first paragraph of Par. 506.2. The new sentence would read, "This eight-year tenure rule shall become effective in 1980." *Mr. Grove* spoke in support of his amendment. *Mr. Langford* stated that *Mr. Grove's* concern was to be cared for in the plan of implementation which the committee would present at a later time. *Mr. Grove* withdrew his amendment.

P. Boyd Mather (Iowa) moved to amend the report, Par. 507.1,

dealing with mandatory retirement of bishops, the first sentence, beginning with the words, "sixty-sixth birthday," to read, "sixty-fifth birthday within the quadrennium prior to the meeting of that Jurisdictional Conference." *Mr. Mather* spoke in support of his amendment. *Harold H. Fink* (Virginia) spoke against it.

Claude R. Collins (West Virginia) moved a substitute for the amendment, to delete Par. 507.1 as it appears in the report, and to substitute for it the following: "A bishop shall be retired at the close of the regular session of the Jurisdictional Conference the first day of which next precedes the bishop's seventy-second birthday." *Mr. Collins* explained that his amendment would essentially restore the retirement age already in effect for bishops and spoke in support of it. *Frank A. Nichols* (Iowa) observed that the legislative committee, in another report, was recommending lowering the mandatory retirement age for all ordained ministers. Torrey Kaatz (West Ohio) spoke in support of *Mr. Collins'* substitute. Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr. (Southern New England) spoke against it. The substitute was defeated.

The Assistant Secretary read *Mr. Mather's* amendment, and it was defeated.

William H. Patrick, Jr. (Louisiana) asked a question; *Dr. Langford* responded. Mr. Patrick moved to amend the report, Par. 507.1, the last sentence, to read, "This shall be effective for bishops elected at the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1980." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Edgar F. Singer* (Wyoming) raised as a point of order the question of whether the substance of this amendment had not already been defeated earlier. The Chair expressed the belief that it had, but put the amendment to a vote, and it was defeated.

Ray W. Goens (Texas) moved to amend the report in two related places: in Par. 507.1, the first portion of the first sentence, amend to read, "A bishop shall be retired at the completion of Jurisdictional Conference of that year . . ."; and Par. 506.2, the provision governing effective date of assignment, to read, "The effective date of assignment for all bishops is immediately following the completion of Jurisdictional Conference." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.

Dwight W. Crain (Southern New England) moved the previous question on Section III of the report. W. D. Cotton (Louisiana) asked a question about the effective date of the legislation. The Chair ruled that the question was out of order while the previous question motion was pending. The previous question motion was adopted. Section III of the report was approved.

Dr. Langford presented Section IV and indicated an additional editorial change to be made in the printed report. *George W. Bashore* (Eastern Pennsylvania) moved to amend the report, Par. 513.3, by restoring a sentence contained in the study commission report, but which the legislative committee proposed to delete; the sentence reads, "But no minister shall be appointed a district superintendent for more than six years in any consecutive nine years, and no minister shall serve more than twice." He explained that the legislative committee limitation on service as a district superintendent limited only the number of years of service, and that this amendment would limit both the number of terms and the number of years. *A. Jason Shirah* (South Georgia) spoke against the amendment. *John V. Moore* (California-Nevada) asked whether the amendment should not more appropriately be considered in connection with Section V, Par. 516 of the report. The Chair suggested that since it was before the Conference, the issue could be decided now. *Merlyn W. Northfelt* (Northern Illinois), speaking for the study commission, stated that this was the only place in the report where the study commission wished to defend its original report over against the legislative committee recommendations; he spoke in support of the amendment. *Dr. Langford* made a final statement in behalf of the legislative committee position. *Robert J. McCune* (Central New York) asked a question; *Dr. Langford* responded. The amendment was defeated.

Section IV was put to a vote and was approved.

Dr. Langford presented Section V for consideration. *Lester L. Moore* (Iowa) moved to amend the report, Par. 515, by adding a new sentence to the end of the paragraph, the new sentence to read as follows: "Nothing in the foregoing section shall preclude the bishop from the appointment of more than one superintendent to a district." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.

John E. Vickers (Alabama-West Florida) moved to amend the report, Par. 515, by deleting the second and third sentences, beginning with the words, "Prior to each appointment . . ." and continuing through "Annual Conference and district (Par. 501-502)." He spoke in support of his amendment. Mary A. Hampton (Missouri West) spoke against it. *Dr. Langford* spoke in support of the committee position. *Jerome K. Del Pino* spoke in opposition to the amendment. *James L. Carraway* (Western Pennsylvania) asked a question; *Dr. Langford* responded. The amendment was defeated.

P. Boyd Mather (Iowa) asked why Par. 516 of the study

commission report was recommended for deletion by the legislative committee; *Dr. Langford* responded briefly and asked that someone else from the committee respond in greater detail.

Albert C. Outler (North Texas): Mr. Chairman, I am in great sympathy with what I take to be the spirit of the question, and what I would anticipate will be the motion he might make. The answer, however, is that the subcommittee worked over this and made the point that we do not now have an office of installation for pastors and that an office of installation for district superintendents would be adding to the body of pomp and circumstance in the symbolization of the office of district superintendent that was neither necessary nor wise to make mandatory. There is, however, no specification here that a conference may not do this at its own discretion.

Mr. Mather moved to amend the report by restoring the paragraph which had been numbered as Par. 516 in the study commission report, entitled "Installation of a District Superintendent." He spoke in support of his amendment. Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr. (Southern New England) spoke against it. *Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.* (Western North Carolina) moved to amend the amendment by inserting at the beginning of the paragraph in question the words, "It is recommended that . . ." *Mr. Mather* accepted this addition as a part of his amendment. *H. Eugene Peacock* (Western North Carolina) spoke against the amendment. It was defeated.

Section V of the report was put to a vote and was approved.

Dr. Langford presented Section VI of the report. *Wallace T. Shook* (Texas) moved to amend the report, Par. 520.3, by changing the word "executive" to "chairperson" in the provision describing the role of the district superintendent in relation to the district Committee on Ordained Ministry. He spoke in support of his amendment. *N. Robert Kesler* (Southern California-Arizona) spoke against it. *Walter N. Kalaf* (Florida) asked a question about some related legislation; *Mr. Northfelt* responded.

Lyle Christianson (Minnesota) also referred to some related legislation and moved as a substitute for the amendment that Par. 520.3 begin with the words, "May be the executive . . ." He spoke in support of his substitute. *Robert L. Wilcox* (Holston) spoke against it. The substitute was defeated. *Mr. Shook's* amendment was put to a vote and was defeated.

Donald J. Jones (Central Illinois) attempted to offer an amendment but was ruled out of order inasmuch as his proposed amendment was on a section subsequent to Section VI. Section VI was put to a vote and was approved.

Dr. Langford presented Section VII, and it was approved. Section VIII was presented. Charles F. Schoenlein (Northern

New York) attempted to offer an amendment to the proposed legislation for the Conference Committee on Episcopacy, but the Chair ruled that that portion of the legislation was not yet before the Conference. Paul V. Shearer (Iowa) attempted to offer an amendment to the proposed legislation for Jurisdictional Committees on Episcopacy, but it was similarly ruled that this material was not yet before the Conference. *Willie B. Clay* (Northern Illinois) asked a question regarding an action he believed the committee had taken but which was not reflected in the printed report; *Dr. Langford* responded. Section VIII was approved.

Dr. Langford presented the proposed legislation for a General Committee on the Episcopacy. *Richard W. Harrington* (Western New York) moved to amend the report by deleting from it the legislation for the General Committee on Episcopacy, and by assigning any functions which were unique to it to the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. He spoke in support of his motion. *Robert Tolbert* (East Ohio) spoke against it. Pat Stroman (Central Texas) spoke for it. *Mr. Northfelt* spoke in support of the position of the study commission and the legislative committee. The Chair ascertained from *Mr. Northfelt* that, while there were constitutional amendments to be considered later in relation to the General Committee on Episcopacy, the legislation presently under consideration did not involve the Constitution. *Frank A. Nichols* (Iowa) asked a question for clarification; *Mr. Northfelt* responded. The Assistant Secretary read *Mr. Harrington's* amendment, and it was adopted.

Clifford Droke (California-Nevada) asked whether an amendment to the proposed legislation on Conference Committees on Episcopacy was in order; *Dr. Langford* responded that it was not at this time. *Dr. Langford* presented the proposed legislation dealing with the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. Paul V. Shearer (Iowa) moved to amend the legislation, the paragraph beginning with the words, "Each newly elected . . . ," by adding the sentence, "The Committee shall meet at least biennially." He spoke in support of his amendment, and it was adopted.

J. Spurgeon McCartt (Holston) moved to amend the legislation, the first sentence, by substituting the word "by" for "in" after the phrase, "by separate orders." He spoke in support of his amendment, and *Dr. Langford* accepted it on behalf of the committee.

Paul Hardin (Northern New Jersey) asked a question about the editing of other sections of the report where references were made to the General Committee on Episcopacy. In response to a question from the Chair, *Mr. Northfelt* stated that there were a

number of references of this nature. *Melvin G. Talbert* (Southern California-Arizona) suggested another piece of legislation which needed to be reviewed in the light of the defeat of the legislation dealing with the General Committee on Episcopacy. *Mr. Northfelt* expressed the hope that there could be another meeting of the legislative committee to prepare recommendations for the Conference on matters which had been related to the General Committee on Episcopacy.

Report on Fourth Ballot for Alternate Member of the Judicial Council

The Chair reported that, because of the fact that more ballots were cast on the fourth ballot for alternate member of the Judicial Council than there are delegates to the General Conference, the entire ballot was declared invalid.

Fifth Ballot for Alternate Member of the Judicial Council

Paul V. Shearer (Iowa) asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration in the balloting. The Chair stated that a request had been received that members of the General Council on Finance and Administration be excused from the session in order to attend a meeting of the Council. Permission was granted by action of the Conference.

Richard P. Meredith (Little Rock) attempted to offer a suggestion for the choosing of the final alternate member of the Judicial Council, but the Chair ruled that the position could only be filled by ballot. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) gave instructions for the taking of the ballot. *C. W. Hancock* (South Georgia) asked that the results of the last ballot be read. *Terry C. Thomason* (Southern New England) asked whether this would be in order, inasmuch as the ballot had been declared invalid. The Chair clarified that the results of the last valid ballot should be read again. The results of the third ballot were read by the Secretary.

When the ballots had been collected, the Chair declared the ballot closed and ordered a five-minute recess.

Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry

Following the recess, *Carlton Young* led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Many and Great, O God."

Dr. Langford asked that consideration of Report No. 116, Calendar No. 494, be interrupted and that the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry meet following the afternoon session.

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman of the committee,

explained the sequence in which the committee wished to have reports considered for the remainder of the afternoon session. He called for consideration to be resumed on a report of the Committee on Administrative Order which had previously been interrupted.

Request Declaratory Decision From Judicial Council

H. Eugene Peacock (Western North Carolina) moved that the General Conference request the Judicial Council to render a declaratory judgment pertaining to the constitutionality of legislation which places the retirement of bishops on an age-scale different from that of other ministerial members. The Chair stated that only a one-fifth vote was required to adopt the motion. It was put to a vote and was adopted.

Questions Regarding District Superintendency and Episcopacy Report

James L. Carraway (Western Pennsylvania) asked whether the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry could really complete its work on the District Superintendency and Episcopacy report without knowing the attitude of the Conference toward the Conference Committee on the Episcopacy and the Committee on District Superintendency. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) expressed the view that it could. Miriam Isaacs (New York) made a statement about the importance of the General Committee on Episcopacy in the study commission's report. *A. Jason Shirah* (South Georgia) asked if a motion on the Committee on District Superintendency would be in order at this time; the Chair ruled that it would not. Richard P. Meredith (Little Rock) attempted to move reconsideration of the amendment which had deleted the legislation related to the General Committee on Episcopacy. The Chair ruled that, by the consent of the Conference, all matters related to the report of the Bishop and District Superintendent Study Commission had been deferred until a later time. He was sustained in his ruling by vote of the Conference.

Paul J. Beeman (Pacific Northwest) asked if it would be in order for the legislative committee to be excused from the plenary session. Paul Hardin (Northern New Jersey) gave information regarding the procedure the legislative committee was following. *Mr. Beeman* asked another question; the Chair responded.

J. Kenneth Forbes (South Indiana) moved that the order recommended by the Committee on Calendar be set as an Order of the Day for the remainder of the afternoon session. The motion was adopted.

Committee on Administrative Order, Report No. 95, Calendar No. 388 (Consideration Resumed) (see page 1894)

David A. Duck (South Georgia), chairman of the legislative committee, called on *Charles A. Sayre* (Southern New Jersey) to continue presentation of the report at the point at which it had been interrupted in a previous session (see page 406). *Mr. Sayre* presented Par. 805 of the report, and it was adopted.

Mr. Sayre presented Pars. 806, 807, and 808, explaining each individually, and each was approved individually, by separate votes of the Conference.

Mr. Sayre presented the proposed Par. 809, entitled "Provisions Pertaining to Board Membership." He presented a correction to the printed report, stating that the first sentence in Par. 809.1 should read, "Members and executive staff of all general boards and agencies shall be members of The United Methodist Church." He explained that the action of the committee to include executive staff in this provision was contained in its Report No. 69, Calendar No. 362. Theressa Hoover (New York) spoke against the inclusion of the words "and executive staff." *L. Bevel Jones* (North Georgia) spoke for the provision.

Kathryn Carroll (California-Nevada) moved to amend the report by deleting the words, "and executive staff." *John L. McWhorter* (Western North Carolina) spoke against the motion to delete. Robert W. Stevens (Pacific Northwest) spoke in support of it. Norma Wieting (Northern Illinois) asked whether a provision governing staff was properly placed in this paragraph, since the paragraph title was "Provisions Pertaining to Board Membership." *Mr. Duck* explained that the committee proposal was actually to add all of the language contained in Report No. 69, Calendar No. 362, and that this language provided for some exceptions and excluded present incumbents of staff positions from the new provision. In response to Mrs. Wieting's objection, the Chair ruled that the matter was properly before the Conference. *Martha G. Rowlett* (California-Nevada) asked how many executive staff members of boards and agencies were presently not members of The United Methodist Church. *Mr. Duck* replied that a spot check had been made, and that the committee knew of none. *Richard S. Parker* (New York) spoke in favor of the motion to delete. *L. Carroll Yingling, Jr.* (Baltimore) asked how the committee provision related to equal employment opportunity legislation. *Mr. Sayre* replied that in his personal opinion, there was a problem, but that this was not the committee view.

J. Clay Madison (Western North Carolina) moved the

previous question on the amendment. William P. Appelgate (Iowa) attempted to make a statement, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order while a previous question motion was pending. Plyna G. Strong (West Michigan) asked a question about the answer to an earlier question regarding the number of executive staff persons presently serving who were not United Methodist members. *Mr. Sayre* responded that the committee felt that there must be some, but that they had not been able to discover any in a spot check. Mrs. Strong replied that there are such persons and that she was prepared to give examples. Joyce Sohl (Rocky Mountain) asked for the committee's definition of "executive staff"; *Mr. Sayre* replied that they were those staff persons elected by the agency. James E. Phipps (West Virginia) asked a question; *Mr. Sayre* responded. *Frank A. Nichols* (Iowa) raised a parliamentary question; the Chair responded. Mattie M. Henderson (West Ohio) attempted to ask a question; the Chair ruled that she was debating. Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) asked a parliamentary question. The previous question motion was put to a vote and was adopted. The Assistant Secretary read Ms. Carroll's amendment. *Mr. Sayre* clarified the meaning of the amendment. Horace Ether (Eastern Pennsylvania) attempted to ask a question, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order while the Conference was in the process of voting. Ms. Carroll's amendment was defeated.

Mr. Sayre presented Par. 809.2, .3, .4, and .5 of the report, and those sections of the proposed legislation were approved. He then presented Par. 809.6, .7, .8, .9, and .10, and they were approved. Pars. 810 and 811 were presented individually, and were approved by separate votes of the Conference. Porter J. Womeldorff (Central Illinois) called attention to the fact that, while an amendment to Par. 809.1 had been defeated, the paragraph as recommended had not been put to a vote. It was put to a vote and was approved. *Mr. Sayre* presented Par. 812, and it was approved.

Mr. Sayre presented Par. 813 of the report. He explained that in Par. 813.1, which limits service as an elective staff officer of an agency to twelve years, the committee was recommending the deletion of the provision whereby the agency responsible for the election could suspend the limitation by a two-thirds vote. Sandra Baker (Virginia) moved to amend the report, Par. 813.1, by substituting "eight" for "twelve." She spoke in support of her amendment. Arthur L. Doty (Troy) spoke against it. Thomas K. Kim (Northwest Texas) spoke against it. *Walter L. Underwood* (Central Texas) asked a question; the Chair responded. Torrey A. Kaatz (West Ohio) asked to speak against the amendment, but the Chair stated that a speech for it was needed.

Paul D. Martin, Jr. (Virginia) moved as a substitute for the amendment that the language be restored as in the 1972 *Book of Discipline* by the addition of the following sentence: "The agency responsible for the election of these staff officers may suspend this provision by a two-thirds ballot vote." He spoke in support of his motion. *Mr. Sayre* stated that, following consultation among the officers of the legislative committee, he was willing to accept *Mr. Martin's* substitute on behalf of the committee, if no committee member objected. *Terry C. Thomason* (Southern New England) identified himself as a member of the legislative committee and objected to acceptance of the substitute. *Mr. Sayre* reported that the legislative committee vote on recommending the deletion was 27 to 25. Basil Lorch, Jr. (South Indiana) spoke in support of the substitute. It was adopted.

Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) offered a substitute for proposed Par. 809.1 as substituted. He explained how it differed from the proposal of the committee, but the Chair ruled that it was so similar that a motion of reconsideration would be required before his substitute would be in order. Erwin H. Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) asked for clarification on the effect of the action the Conference had taken; the Chair responded.

Mr. Sayre presented Pars. 813.2, .3, and .4 of the report, and they were approved.

Proposed Par. 813.5 was presented, with the explanation that it was new and that it was intended to assure that a minimum of 40% of general agency executive staff persons would be women. Lawton Shroyer (Eastern Pennsylvania) moved a substitute for the paragraph to read as follows: "In future hiring policies in filling positions for executive staff, sex shall not determine the filling of such positions. Sex discrimination shall not be practiced, but only ability and the proper personality shall determine the hiring of the applicant." He spoke in support of his substitute. Following its reading by the Assistant Secretary, the substitute was adopted. *Jerome K. Del Pino* (Southern New England) questioned whether adoption of the substitute was consistent with other action taken by the Conference providing for the maintenance of quotas. The Chair ruled that the Conference action in adopting the substitute was in order.

Mr. Sayre presented proposed Par. 814, entitled "Policies Relative to Non-discrimination." J. Melvin Brawn (California-Nevada) asked a question regarding the meaning of the term "sexual inclusiveness" in the paragraph. *Mr. Sayre* replied that it meant "the establishment of an inclusive church with adequate representation of women as well as men."

R. Andrew Lady moved to amend the paragraph by placing a period after the word "sex" at the end of (b), and by deleting the

remainder of the paragraph. He spoke in support of his amendment, which would delete the provision for adequate representation by laymen and laywomen.

Patricia Soderholm (Wisconsin) moved as a substitute that the word "laity" be substituted for "laymen and laywomen." John E. Stumbo (Kansas East) spoke in support of the substitute. Katherine W. Wilcox (West Michigan) spoke against it. Ms. Soderholm's substitute was adopted.

Harry K. Underwood (Baltimore) asked whether it was still intended that the report of the Committee on Discipleship on the youth organization legislation be considered at this session. The Chair responded.

Jean L. Wickett (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the report, Par. 814(b), so that the last portion would read, ". . . on the basis of race, color, sex or age." *Mr. Sayre* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee and moved that Par. 814 be approved as amended. Thomas K. Kim (Northwest Texas) raised a parliamentary inquiry; the Chair responded.

Mr. Sayre presented Pars. 815, 816, 817, and 818 of the report, and they were approved.

Mr. Sayre moved adoption of Report No. 95, Calendar No. 388, in its entirety, as amended, and it was adopted (see page 1894).

Motion to Reconsider

Mr. Sayre explained that, in its action just completed on the committee's omnibus report on new Pars. 801-818, the Conference had in effect acted on a number of the committee's other reports, and that these reports would now be presented in order to complete the committee's work. He called for *Wayne E. Shoemaker* (Iowa) vice-chairman of the legislative committee, to introduce the related reports.

Mr. Shoemaker noted that a delegate had asked for the opportunity to present a motion to reconsider a section of the report, and that this would be an appropriate time to hear such a motion. Thomas K. Kim (Northwest Texas) moved to reconsider Par. 804.3 and explained that, if the motion to reconsider was approved, he would introduce a substitute for that paragraph. The Chair ascertained that Mr. Kim had not voted for adoption of the paragraph, and *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin) introduced the reconsideration motion in his stead. Arthur L. Doty (Troy) asked if the Conference could hear the substitute Mr. Kim intended to introduce; Mr. Kim read his substitute. The motion to reconsider was defeated.

Committee on Administrative Order, Report No. 69, Calendar No. 362

Mr. Shoemaker presented the report, which dealt with the requirement that executive staff of general agencies be members of The United Methodist Church, and the report was adopted in accordance with previous action (see pages 417-418, 1887). *Clifford Droke* (California-Nevada) noted that the legislation in this report referred to "all boards and agencies," and asked whether it was the committee's intention that this be "all general boards and agencies." *Mr. Shoemaker* replied that it was intended to apply to general boards.

Report No. 88, Calendar No. 381

Mr. Shoemaker presented the report, which was on the subject of at-large membership of program boards, and it was adopted (see page 1892).

Report No. 90, Calendar No. 383

Mr. Shoemaker presented the report, dealing with youth and young adult membership on general agencies, and it was adopted (see page 1892).

Report No. 93, Calendar No. 386

Mr. Shoemaker presented the report, which dealt with the limitation of staff service with general agencies. He explained that the committee recommendation was for concurrence, but that to be consistent with its earlier action, the Conference should vote nonconcurrence. The Conference voted not to concur with the committee report (see pages 418-419, 1893).

Report No. 94, Calendar No. 387

The report, dealing with women members of general agency executive staffs, was presented. *Mr. Shoemaker* explained that in this case also, the committee recommendation had been for concurrence, but a nonconcurrence action by the Conference would be in accordance with its previous action. The Conference voted nonconcurrence (see pages 419, 1893).

Report No. 92, Calendar No. 385

Mr. Shoemaker explained that the report was on the subject of the formula for membership on general program agencies, and that the recommendation was to refer the entire issue to the General Council on Ministries for study and for any recommendations they might wish to make to the 1980 General Conference. The report was adopted (see page 1893).

Report No. 76, Calendar No. 369

Mr. Shoemaker explained that the report called for the General Council on Ministries to establish a task force to draw up guidelines for eliminating sexism, racism, and ageism (sic) in periodicals, materials, publications, and all other resource materials of the church. The report was adopted (see page 1889).

Report No. 74, Calendar No. 367

Mr. Shoemaker explained that the report recommended the deletion from the *Discipline* of enabling legislation related to the Plan of Union, inasmuch as this legislation was no longer needed. The report was adopted (see page 1888).

Committee Report Completed

David A. Duck (South Georgia), chairman of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Order, stated that this completed the committee's report on all items which had been referred to it. He introduced Gwendolyn B. Williams (California-Nevada), committee secretary.

Time Extended

The Chair asked if the Conference wished to extend the time to hear the report dealing with youth organization legislation. The time was extended.

Report on Fifth Ballot for Judicial Council Alternate Member

J. B. Holt (Secretary): The final ballot for the final alternate elected on the Judicial Council is as follows: Votes cast, 928; invalid ballots, none; valid ballots, 928. Number needed for election, 465. Paul Webb, Jr., 698, and he is elected.

Legislative Committee on Discipleship

Mr. Hodapp, chairman of the Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Discipleship and presented Wesley Bailey (Western North Carolina), chairman of the committee.

Reconsider Extension of Time

Susie English (Oklahoma) moved reconsideration of the Conference action to extend the time, explaining that there would be inadequate time to debate the reports being presented. The motion was adopted, and the Chair declared that the reports in question would be considered at the beginning of the evening session.

Announcements and Adjournment

An announcement was made by *Thomas Langford* (Western North Carolina). *Douglas Verdin* (New York), chairman of the Committee on Agenda, asked that the Conference set an order of the day during the Thursday morning session for the recognition of ushers and pages. It was set by vote of the Conference.

Mr. Hodapp moved that the Conference set 11 p.m. as the time of adjournment for the evening session this evening, with a 10 minute recess at 9:15 p.m. The motion was adopted. *Mr. Hodapp* made an announcement.

Bishop Nichols thanked Bishops Stowe and Golden for their assistance during his presiding. The Secretary made announcements. Bishop Nichols dismissed the session with a closing prayer, and the afternoon session was adjourned.

EIGHTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1976
EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop James S. Thomas

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the eighth day, Wednesday, May 5, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop James S. Thomas, Iowa Area, presiding.

Carlton R. Young led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Are Ye Able."

Matter of Privilege

The Chair recognized *Robert E. Hayes, Sr.* (Texas), president of Wiley College, for a matter of privilege. *Dr. Hayes* reported that he and John T. King (Southwest Texas), president of Huston-Tillotson College, would be leaving the Conference shortly to attend commencement exercises at their respective schools. Speaking on behalf of the twelve black colleges, *Dr. Hayes* expressed appreciation for gifts to the Black College Fund during the quadrennium and asked for the continued support of the Conference as it set the Black College Fund apportionment for the coming quadrennium.

Committee on Discipleship, Report No. 23, Calendar No. 539 (see pages 1377-1382)

Jeanie Stoppel (Oregon-Idaho), secretary of the Committee on Calendar, called on Wesley Bailey (Western North Carolina) for the presentation of the report. Mr. Bailey explained that the report was in the form of amendments to disciplinary legislation which had been submitted by the Board of Discipleship and which had been printed in full in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. He explained further that it was the committee's intention at this time to present only that portion of the report dealing with youth organization legislation, Par. 1401ff.

Mr. Bailey pointed out that there was also a minority report, and the Chair explained the procedure which would be followed in considering the reports. Following a brief presentation by Mr. Bailey, the Chair called for the perfecting of the majority report.

Kathy LaPoint (California-Nevada) moved to amend the report, Par. 1401.3, the provision for paying the expenses of

conference representatives, by substituting "General Board of Discipleship" for "conference they represent," and by deleting the sentence in parentheses. She spoke in support of her amendment. Mr. Bailey stated the committee position. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment. The amendment was defeated.

Charles H. Stewart, III (Florida) moved to amend the report, Par. 1402.2, the second sentence, by substituting the words "two-year terms" for "no more than one two-year term." He spoke in support of his amendment. Lee Drinkard (North Georgia) spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.

Report No. 23 (Minority Report), Calendar No. 540 (see page 1382)

The Chair called for the perfecting of the minority report. Marilynn Mabee (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the minority report, Par. 1401.3, by changing "quadrennially" to "biennially" in the provision governing meetings of the National Youth Ministry Convocation. She spoke in support of her amendment. J. Melvin Brawn (California-Nevada) raised a point of order, that no one representing the minority report point of view had been given the opportunity to present it. The Chair ruled that his point of order was well taken. Michael Gray (Wisconsin) presented the amendments contained in the minority report, noting that the rationale for the minority position was also printed in the report. The Chair then called for discussion on Ms. Mabee's amendment. *Alice G. Morrison* (Oregon-Idaho) asked to hear an explanation of the rationale for the minority position.

Kim Brown (Memphis): The reason for the minority report is as follows. The Board of Discipleship decided that this General Conference would decide on a major restructuring of youth ministry. They called a consultation on the future of youth ministry last August in Norman, Okla. Representatives from 45 Annual Conference Councils on Youth Ministries came to discuss what they wanted to be the plan for reorganization. Their decision is found in the *Daily Christian Advocate* on page E-129. This report was considered at the consultation and was voted affirmatively by the majority of the people there, representing 45 Annual Conferences.

The Board of Discipleship decided they wanted their own plan, so they made their own plan up, presented it to the General Conference, and both plans were considered in the Committee on Discipleship. The plan proposed by the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministry was not voted in the affirmative in the subcommittee, was not heard in the subcommittee, and was allowed a 14-minute presentation in the committee. The major points of this plan, which were affirmed by those representatives in Norman last summer, are contained in the minority report which is found in the *Daily Christian Advocate* as Calendar Item 540. Those changes are not the complete report that those persons at the consultation

wanted to implement as the restructure plan, but they do embody the basic principles that were affirmed as how the consultation wanted youth ministry to go for the next quadrennium.

The minority report is an attempt to let the General Conference decide how youth ministry shall be restructured in the next quadrennium. The minority report embodies the major points in the legislation that was proposed from the consultation on the future of youth ministry. I urge you to carefully consider the differences between the two reports. Thank you.

John G. Corry (Tennessee) raised a point of order, stating that Ms. Mabee's amendment had been included among those presented in the majority report.

Mr. Brown: The amendment which is proposed from the rear of the auditorium is one which is embodied in the majority report. These are the basic decisions that have to be made: Shall we have a consultation every two years or every four years? Shall we have three persons going from each conference or four persons? Shall one of these persons or two of these persons be from a racial ethnic minority? Shall one of these persons be junior-high youth? The minority plan that we have proposed is a unit. It embodies everything that was decided by the consultation. It would not accomplish anything to amend the minority report to read like the majority report. The differences are there. The minority report would provide for junior-high representation, a stronger emphasis on the recommendation of racial inclusiveness, a lower cost projection, and other points embodied therein.

The Chair stated that if the substance of Ms. Mabee's amendment was incorporated in the majority report, it would be out of order as an amendment to the minority report. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) objected that the amendment should be in order because it was only one of several points of difference between the majority and minority reports. Ms. Mabee stated that this was her only point of disagreement with the minority report.

Janet Luciani (Detroit) raised a parliamentary inquiry; the Chair replied. She attempted to speak in opposition to other features of the minority report, but the Chair ruled that only discussion on the amendment was in order at this time. Susie English (Oklahoma) spoke against the amendment. *Paul A. Duffey* (Alabama-West Florida) made a statement of clarification. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment. Bob Carlisle (Oklahoma) asked Mr. Brown a question; Mr. Brown responded. *Perry H. Saito* (Wisconsin) spoke in opposition to the amendment. Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) raised a point of order, asking whether *Mr. Saito's* speech was on the amendment or on the minority report as a whole. *Mr. Saito* stated that he was speaking against the amendment and completed his statement. *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming) spoke in support of the amendment. Cathy Wells (Mississippi) spoke against it.

James F. W. Talley (Baltimore) moved the previous question

on the amendment. The previous question motion was adopted. Mr. Brown made a final statement against the amendment. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment, and it was defeated.

John Hildreth (Alabama-West Florida) spoke in support of the minority report.

Mr. Hildreth: I would like to speak to the minority report. The General Conference has before it two proposals for the future of Youth Ministry organizations on a general level. Both proposals call for necessary changes which should strengthen the responsiveness and accountability of youth ministry. The minority report before you affirms most of the changes found in the Board of Discipleship proposal, but would amend it in a few major areas.

The major differences are related to the calling of a national convocation every two years by the majority report and every four years by the minority report, as well as the levels of participation found within those convocations.

It has already been pointed out to this Conference the financial—the matter of financial stewardship. It is projected that the minority report would save quadrennially somewhere in the amount of $37,000, money which can be spent and should be spent by Annual Conferences on the Annual Conference, district and local level in programming, not in meetings. If Annual Conferences—and this is a problem we have had in the past, we have national meetings and Annual Conferences cannot afford to attend—if they cannot afford to attend they will not participate. If they do not participate they will not be represented. One of the crucial questions in analyzing both of these proposals is that of representation.

It has been shown in recent national meetings, similar to those proposed, that fewer Annual Conferences and fewer persons are represented at national gatherings than at meetings held on the Jurisdictional level. The Jurisdictional connection works for other general boards and agencies in The United Methodist Church. There is no reason why it should not work for youth ministry.

The question of accountability comes up. Those groups are essentially accountable to the same people, the difference comes on what level that accountability arises from. In the minority report members of the steering committee are accountable to each Annual Conference who participates in the Jurisdictional conferences. Every year there will be a Jurisdictional conference. If the Annual Conference participates, they have a direct control over the people who are elected, and those persons who are elected are accountable to them. In the majority report the accountability rests in the national convocation. It seems to me that if fewer Annual Conferences are at the national meeting there is a great, greater deal of accountability on the Jurisdictional level as found in the minority report.

The participation of adults in the youth ministry is essential and is insured by both proposals. The differentiation occurs, however, in the method of participation. The majority report calls for a voting membership in all matters of from 33 to 50 percent of adults. The minority report insures adult membership of from 25 to 33 percent, and they could vote in all matters except the election of youth. It seems to me that if youth members of the steering committee are expected to be truly representative of youth they should be elected by youth, and adult representatives should be elected by adults.

The objective of this General Conference should be to adopt the plan of organization for youth ministry on the general level which would do one of two things. First of all a proposal that combines the best portions of all proposals that have been made. This combination of proposals should serve to heal old wounds and to unify and strengthen youth ministry at every level throughout The United Methodist Church. Secondly, it should facilitate the development of a youth

ministry that allows for the fullest participation of youth while addressing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the spiritual and physical needs of all youth. I feel the minority report most adequately fulfills these objectives. I urge your support of the minority report. Thank you.

Janet Luciani (Detroit) spoke against the minority report.

Ms. Luciani: Both of the reports are essentially similar in many areas except for one basic difference. Who decides where youth service fund money goes? Where are our representatives elected? What kind of policy do we expect them to carry out? Where is accountability? I address myself right now particularly to (the minority report amendment to Par. 1401.1e).

The amendment taking out, deleting in italics the phrase, "To set the policy and criteria for selection of projects and distribution of the national portion of the Youth Service Fund."—and instead inserting, "Evaluate and review structure, philosophy, goals and priorities of youth ministry in The United Methodist Church." This cuts right out from under the National Youth Convocation our purpose and our direction: policy and criteria are specific and tangible; criteria—the standards projects would have to meet; policy—how this would be done; distribution of Youth Service Fund—money.

If you are accountable to us, then the money will be allocated for these projects, as it is done in General Conference, Annual Conference, and all levels in the church except youth ministry. Election of officers at this meeting. If you are doing a good job at this meeting and you are setting up the criteria which you will be expected to follow out, then you should come from this meeting biennially. Unlike General Conference or Annual Conference, or the adult segment of the church, there is an age limit as to how long you can be a youth. If you are going to attend and you are going to be good, then you should have a chance at attending more than one.

As for the Youth Convocation where this vote was taken, as to which one the youth would want, my Annual Conference wasn't there. We were struggling to set up our own youth conference on our Annual Conference level. We didn't even know about it. We hadn't been in communication with any national youth organization since it started. We didn't even know it existed. We found out that strengthening Annual Conferences wasn't listed as any goal on the national youth conference level, as if we didn't exist. We had to do it on our own. And now we are saying we want to be heard, and we wanted help in this process and be responsible church members and learn like everybody else does. And that's why we want it set up this way.

Mr. Hildreth attempted to respond to one of Ms. Luciani's statements, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order.

William O. Walker (Oregon-Idaho) spoke in favor of the minority report. *Jack F. Emerick* (Western Pennsylvania) spoke against the minority report.

Mr. Emerick: I serve as the conference coordinator of youth ministries in the Western Pennsylvania Conference. The Youth Council of our conference has studied both of the original proposals and support the recommendation of the Board of Discipleship. The Minority Report that is before us is a watered down version of the Board of Discipleship report with the teeth removed, and might I add a Minority Report which for the most part has been designed, not by high school youth, but by young adults.

We do not agree that to be against the amendment means that you are against youth, or that adults are trying to put a lid on the expression of youth. Rather we feel that to support the Board of Discipleship report is indeed responding to the will and the wishes of the youth across our Church.

If delegates will note the number and the substances of the petitions that this General Conference has received from individual youth, local churches, and Annual Conferences, related to youth ministries, one finds that youth are speaking to this issue, and they are supporting the recommendation of the Board of Discipleship. We do not see the issue being the cost of a biennial convocation, or adult over youth, but we see the core of the issue as twofold.

First, clearly that the time has arrived for the general church youth council to be a representative group of youth with a wide base who are sensitive to the needs and priorities of youth from the local churches and Annual Conferences; second, that the time has arrived for the youth structure to be directly related to the mainstream of our Church with a sense of ownership by the youth across our Church.

The recommendation of the Board of Discipleship provides for both of these needs. The truth is that the Minority Report only continues a power base that has been of no assistance to the local church or Annual Conference but rather a hindrance to the ongoing work of the youth across our Church.

The Consultation in Oklahoma met at two different times. Our conference, Western Pennsylvania, sent a youth and an adult to the first meeting because our conference representatives felt that the General Youth Conference membership were not open to a wide base leadership. Our Annual Conference was one of several that did not return to Oklahoma, and I believe that the Board of Discipleship realizes that the consultation did not represent the youth of our Church, and thus the board is recommending their different report.

The youth of Western Pennsylvania Conference have requested that I convey to you that they would like you to support the Board of Discipleship report.

Lucille V. Van Zant (Oklahoma) spoke in support of the minority report. Steve Galyon (Holston) spoke against it. Marion Jones (South Carolina) spoke for it.

Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The Chair stated that the previous question motion would apply to the minority report. Steve Banks (North Carolina) asked a question about the number of speeches which had been given for and against the minority report; the Chair responded that there had been four for and three against. Mr. Banks asked to speak against the minority report, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order. Susie English (Oklahoma) asked for clarification as to whether Ms. Jones' statement was actually in favor of the minority report now under consideration. The Chair replied that the answer to the question was not relevant to the parliamentary situation. Mr. Brown attempted to answer Ms. English's question, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order. Arthur L. Doty (Troy) raised a parliamentary inquiry; the Chair responded. Kathy LaPoint (California-Nevada) attempted to ask a question, but the Chair ruled that her question was in the nature of debate. Mr. Bailey, chairman of

the legislative committee, asked a question regarding procedure; the Chair responded. *Wallace H. Kirby* (North Carolina) raised a parliamentary inquiry; the Chair responded.

Report No. 23, Calendar Nos. 539, 540—Final Action

Mr. Brown made a final statement on behalf of the minority report. Lee Drinkard (North Georgia) made a final statement in support of the majority position.

The Conference voted not to substitute the minority report for the majority report. The majority report was put to a vote and was adopted (see page 1377).

Matters of Privilege

Mr. Bailey, chairman of the legislative committee, observed that this was the first General Conference in which there had been youth voting delegates and asked that those delegates stand and be recognized. They were accorded a standing ovation by the Conference.

Harry K. Underwood (Baltimore) identified himself as a member of the legislative committee and asked that the Conference also express its appreciation to Larry Manley, who had served for the past two years as president of the National Youth Council; the Conference responded with applause.

John Hildreth (Alabama-West Florida) asked permission to make a brief statement of reconciliation, but the Chair stated that he would not be in order. The Chair asked if the Conference would sustain him in his ruling, and he was sustained.

Limitation of Debate

A. Hunter Colpitts (North Indiana) moved "that all future speeches for and against the issues be limited to three minutes." The motion was adopted.

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, Report No. 116—Consideration Resumed

Jeanie Stoppel, Committee on Calendar, called for resumption of consideration of the legislative committee recommendations related to the Bishop and District Superintendent Study Commission report, which had been interrupted during the afternoon session (see page 415).

Thomas A. Langford (Western North Carolina), chairman of the legislative committee, asked that *Richard W. Harrington* (Western New York) be recognized for a motion. *Mr. Harrington* moved reconsideration of that portion of the proposed legislation

related to the General Committee on the Episcopacy. The motion to reconsider was defeated.

Dr. Langford explained that this action would necessitate certain changes, which he could present to the Conference, in the proposed legislation related to the jurisdictional Committees on Episcopacy. He moved approval of that legislation, with the necessary changes. *Paul F. Abel* (New York) asked a question; *Dr. Langford* responded. *Ralph B. Huston* (Florida) objected that the committee was not bringing its recommendations in the manner in which the Conference had asked and suggested that the matter be referred back to the committee again, and that the committee bring back a total document, with the General Committee on Episcopacy legislation deleted, for the Conference's consideration. *Dr. Langford* responded. *Walter N. Kalaf* (Florida) made an additional statement regarding what was being requested of the committee.

Merlyn W. Northfelt (Northern Illinois), chairman of the study commission, explained that some members of the committee had felt that there had been a misunderstanding which could have been cleared up with a reconsideration of the matter. Since the Conference had voted not to reconsider, it would still be possible to complete action on legislation related to jurisdictional and conference Committees on Episcopacy and to Committees on the District Superintendency. The committee could then come back later with a report on the reassignment of functions which had originally been assigned to the General Committee on Episcopacy.

Erwin H. Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) expressed the view that part of the problem resulted from the fact that the Conference had been operating under the erroneous assumption that the motion to reconsider was not debatable. At the Chair's request, the Assistant Secretary read the motion the Conference had adopted earlier deleting the legislation related to the General Committee on Episcopacy. *Mr. Northfelt* made a statement regarding the functions which would need to be reassigned as a result of that action. *Willie B. Clay* (Northern Illinois) asked a question; the Chair responded. *Dr. Langford* explained that the recommendations he had attempted to present to this session had been based on an incorrect impression that an agreement had been reached which met the objections raised against the committee's report. He stated that since this was apparently not the case, the legislative committee would be happy to accept re-referral of the matter or to proceed as the Conference might wish to direct. The Chair asked if the Conference wished to have the matter re-referred to the legislative committee, and the

Conference voted to re-refer. *Mr. Northfelt* made an announcement. Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) made a statement related to the re-referral.

Recess

The Chair called for the Conference to be in recess for ten minutes. Following the recess, *Leroy C. Hodapp,* Committee on Calendar, made an announcement.

Committee on Church and Society, Report No. 32, Calendar No. 393 (see page 1172)

Jeanie Stoppel (Oregon-Idaho), Committee on Calendar, called on John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairman of the legislative committee, for presentation of the report. He explained that the committee's Report No. 9, Calendar No. 116, was also related to this report. Mr. Stumbo noted that these reports dealt with the Social Principles statement and referred to the large number of petitions which had been received in relation to this document. He moved that the document be considered seriatim, with the Preface, Preamble, and the several Roman-numeral sections being dealt with in sequence. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Stumbo called on *Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.* (Western North Carolina), chairman of the sub-committee which had prepared the report, to lead in its presentation. *Mr. Hutchinson* presented the Preface, and it was adopted.

Mr. Hutchinson presented the Preamble and observed that the proposed changes were to remove sexist language.

Ernest K. Emurian (Virginia): The historic Nicene Creed deals with God for the Christian as Father before He is Creator. Whether that is sexist language or not is incidental. God is Father, "I believe in God the *Father* Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth." For 2,000 years this has expressed our Christian relationship with God. First He is our Heavenly Father, the first recorded words of Jesus were "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business." The Lord's Prayer begins "Our Father, who art in Heaven." The first word from the Cross was "Father, forgive them," and the last word from the Cross was "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." I will not allow any group in the interest of relevance to make ridiculous our Lord's reference to God as His Heavenly Father. I move the continuance of the word "Father" in every reference to God when we relate to Him as Christians.

Mr. Emurian moved to amend the Preamble, as contained in the report, by restoring the word "Father" in place of "Creator," which the committee had recommended. The amendment was adopted. The Preamble was put to a vote and was adopted.

Mr. Hutchinson presented the section entitled "I. THE NATURAL WORLD." The section was approved.

He presented "II. THE NURTURING COMMUNITY," and called attention to the fact that Calendar No. 394 was a minority report related to sub-section A, "The Family." He further explained that one of the changes in sub-section B, "Marriage," was also found in Report No. 9, Calendar No. 116, and that action on this sub-section would therefore constitute action on that report as well.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that there were two persons the committee wished to have recognized in connection with consideration of section II: Steve Galyon (Holston), for presentation of the minority report, Calendar No. 394, and Keith Spare, a representative of the United Methodist Gay Caucus. The Chair stated that, under Rule 23, the Conference should perfect the entire majority report first and then return to the minority report. Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) raised a point of order, that, since the Conference was considering the document seriatim, it would be in order to consider the minority report immediately after the perfection of section II of the majority report. The Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken and that this would be the procedure. *Mr. Hutchinson* suggested that the minority report be perfected and considered after perfection of sub-section II, A, and the suggestion was approved.

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) asked a question; *Mr. Hutchinson* responded. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) asked a question regarding the effect of *Mr. Emurian's* earlier amendment to the Preamble; *Mr. Hutchinson* and the Chair responded.

Katherine W. Wilcox (West Michigan) moved to amend the report, section II, A, by inserting a new second sentence, to read as follows: "We understand the family as encompassing a wider range of options than that of the two-generational unit of parents and children (the nuclear family), including the extended family, families with adopted children, single parents, couples without children, and persons living in intentional communities." She spoke in support of her amendment. Marilyn Roberts (North Georgia) observed that part of Dr. Wilcox's amendment was contained in the minority report. Porter J. Womeldorff (Central Illinois) asked a question. Dr. Wilcox responded. Mr. Womeldorff moved to amend the amendment by the addition of a footnote to the term "intentional communities," to read as follows: "Persons sharing a commitment to one another and to common purposes and enduring over a period of time. Christian intentional communities have included communal groups such as Koinonia farms, certain monastic and other religious orders and some types of corporate church life." Dr. Wilcox accepted the amendment.

Jack H. Henton (Memphis) spoke in opposition to the amendment. *A. Hunter Colpitts* (North Indiana) asked a question as to the meaning of a portion of the footnote; Dr. Wilcox responded. *Edwin C. Boulton* (Iowa) responded further.

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) moved to amend the amendment by deleting the words, "and persons living in intentional communities" and the footnote. Elaine J. Woodworth (Pacific Northwest) spoke against the amendment. James Egan (Oklahoma) asked a question regarding the content of the footnote; *Mr. Hutchinson* responded. *Paul M. Minus* spoke in favor of the amendment. Hazel M. Decker (Texas) asked whether the term "intentional communities" included retirement homes and nursing homes. Mr. Stumbo replied that, as far as the legislative committee was concerned, it was because of uncertainty as to what was included that the statement had been omitted from the committee report. *John P. Miles* (Little Rock) spoke against the amendment. Harold M. Karls (Detroit) spoke in support of it. *Edward L. Duncan* (Detroit) asked a parliamentary question; the Chair responded. *Mr. Duncan* asked to hear a rationale for the legislative committee position; *Mr. Hutchinson* responded.

Becky Kesler (Southern California-Arizona) attempted to offer an additional amendment, but the Chair ruled that no additional amendments were in order while Mr. Slutz's amendment was pending. *John G. Corry* (Tennessee) raised a point of order, that the amendment before the Conference was, in essence, the minority report. The Chair ruled that the amendments were properly before the Conference under the procedure it had adopted. *Mr. Hutchinson* responded to *Mr. Corry's* statement.

Gloster B. Current (New York) moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The previous question motion was adopted. *Mr. Hutchinson* declined the opportunity to make a final statement on behalf of the committee, and the Assistant Secretary read Mr. Slutz's amendment to the amendment; it was adopted.

Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) made a statement of clarification as to what was presently pending before the Conference. The Assistant Secretary read Dr. Wilcox's amendment as amended, and it was adopted. Section II, A, the majority report, was put to a vote and was adopted as amended.

Merrill W. Drennan (Baltimore) raised a point of order; the Chair responded. *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming) sought to amend the report by adding a new subsection B, but the Chair ruled that the amendment was not in order at this time.

Steve Galyon (Holston) stated that, unless one of the sponsors of the minority report objected, he would withdraw the minority

report, inasmuch as the substance of it had been added to the majority report by amendment. The withdrawal was approved by vote of the Conference. *G. Ross Freeman* (South Georgia) raised a parliamentary question regarding the disposition of the minority report; *Mr. Hutchinson* and the Chair responded. Section II, A, the majority report as amended, was approved for inclusion in the report.

Mr. Hutchinson presented section II, B and C, entitled "Marriage" and "Human Sexuality" respectively. *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming) moved to amend the report by inserting a new section II, B, to be entitled "The Christian Intentional Community." The new section would read as follows:

> "We further recognize the movement to find new patterns of Christian nurturing communities, such as koinonia farms, certain monastic and other religious orders and some types of corporate church life. We urge the church to seek ways of understanding the needs and concerns of such Christian groups and to find ways of ministering to them and through them."

Pat Stroman (Central Texas) raised a point of order, that the Conference had already dealt with the substance of this amendment. The Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken.

The Chair put to a vote a procedural suggestion which had been made by *Mr. Hutchinson*, that section II, B and C, be considered as a unit by the Conference, and the procedure was approved. *Mr. Hutchinson* explained the changes being proposed in the two subsections. *Mr. Reid* argued that his proposed amendment was substantively different from what the Conference had considered earlier, inasmuch as he was placing it as a separate subsection rather than as a part of "The Family." He also asked that the subsection title be changed to "Other Christian Communities." Cathy Wells (Mississippi) asked a question; the Assistant Secretary responded. Ms. Wells spoke in support of the amendment. *Mr. Reid* reiterated the change he had suggested in the subsection title. Gloster B. Current (New York) raised again the point of order that the substance of *Mr. Reid's* amendment had been dealt with in approving Mr. Slutz's earlier amendment. *Mr. Hutchinson* responded. The Chair ruled that consideration of the amendment could proceed. Harriet L. Miller (West Ohio) spoke in favor of the amendment. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment, and *Mr. Reid* again

clarified his subsequent change in the title for the proposed subsection. The amendment was adopted.

John Blundell (Little Rock) raised a point of order, that action on *Mr. Reid's* amendment was out of order, because *Mr. Reid* had amended his own amendment after submitting it in writing. The Chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken and upheld the action of the Conference.

Mr. Hutchinson moved that the rules be suspended in order to allow Keith Spare to speak in behalf of the United Methodist Gay Caucus on the issues in subsections B and C, the statement not to exceed three minutes. The motion was adopted.

J. R. Kemmerly (Louisiana) requested a count vote on *Mr. Reid's* amendment, but the Chair ruled that the time had passed when such a request could be made. Mr. Kemmerly asked a parliamentary question; the Chair responded. *William O. Walker* (Oregon-Idaho) raised a point of order, that the time set for adjournment had been reached, but the Chair stated that it had not. Richard P. Meredith (Little Rock) made a statement about procedure.

Keith Spare: Sisters and brothers of The United Methodist Church, we of the United Methodist Gay Caucus are painfully sensitive to the complex nature of the issues which are before us in the matter of gay people in the life and struggle of our Church. We come before this body breaking a history of silence and invisibility which has surrounded this issue. This silence has been a perpetuation of untold suffering not only of our gay brothers and sisters and their families, but the entire Christian community.

As we move toward a new horizon of what we hope to be a grace-filled dialogue we cannot ignore the inevitability of residual fears and misunderstandings. Yet our Christian duty demands we acknowledge that all persons have fallen short in the glory of God and need the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Throughout this week our caucus has attempted to hold before you this model of openness and dialogue. We pray now in the issues that are before you that the action of this Conference will reflect a willingness of our Church to continue in this dialogue. Thank you.

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) asked a question about the report; *Mr. Hutchinson* responded. Mr. Slutz moved to amend the report, subsection II, C, by adding the following to the end of it:

> "We welcome all persons regardless of sexual orientation into the fellowship and membership of The United Methodist Church; and we insist that all persons are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured."

Mr. Slutz spoke in support of his amendment. *Mr. Hutchinson* made a statement of clarification.

K. June Goldman (Iowa): I am very mindful of the diverse opinion that is here in this body just as there were differing views in our subsection and in the legislative section of which I was a part. I feel that each one of us might prefer to change this wording in some way. I think it was a very fine statement just made by Keith Spare; he made the same statement in our subsection in our legislative section as a whole. He requested that we enter into dialogue.

I think we all feel that we may welcome all persons, and I think that we have stated this by the first sentence that when we say, "Homosexuals no less than heterosexuals are persons of sacred worth who need the ministry and guidance of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment," etc. So that we are not in any way excluding them from the fellowship, the community of the Church, but we do not condone homosexuality. It is my very deep feeling that what we are facing here is to listen to the voice of the grassroots of the Church.

It is my understanding that there has seldom been, if ever, this many petitions addressed to a single subject. I was one of those people who had the dubious pleasure of reading the great bulk of those five thousand and some petitions representing not only individual voices but Annual Conferences, youth groups, Women's Societies, United Methodist Women, all kinds of groups, not just from one geographic location but from a cross-section of the entire United Methodist Church.

And I think that it would be a great breach in credibility for this General Conference to vote against the wish which has become, in essence, a mandate from United Methodism, that we keep intact the wording of section C, and I do make this request that we not amend this section.

Earle N. Cooper (Troy) spoke in favor of the amendment. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) spoke against it. Leigh Roberts (Wisconsin) spoke in support of it.

Thomas L. Butts (Alabama-West Florida) moved the previous question on the Slutz amendment. The previous question motion was adopted. *Clifford Droke* (California-Nevada) asked that the amendment be read, and it was read by the Assistant Secretary. K. June Goldman (Iowa) asked Mr. Slutz a question, and he responded. John M. Meares (North Carolina) asked a question, but the Chair ruled that it was not germane. Mr. Slutz's amendment was defeated.

Granville D. Crockett (North Mississippi) called attention to the approaching time of adjournment.

Nadine Hardin (North Arkansas) moved to amend the report, subsection II, C, by deleting the two sentences which read as follows: "Homosexuals no less than heterosexuals are persons of sacred worth, who need the ministry and guidance of the church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship which enables reconciling relationships with God, with others and with self. Further we insist that all persons are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured, though we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with

Christian teaching." Ms. Hardin spoke in support of her amendment.

Adjournment

John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois) moved that the session be adjourned, and the motion was adopted.

Leroy C. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, made a statement regarding the reports to be considered at the next day's sessions. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) made announcements. *Edwin C. Boulton* (Iowa) made a statement of appreciation to Bishop Thomas.

Bishop Jose L. Valencia (Retired) pronounced the benediction, and the session was adjourned.

NINTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1976
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop O. Eugene Slater

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the ninth day, Thursday, May 6, 1976, at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio Area, presiding.

Frances Alguire (Northern Illinois) was the liturgist for the devotional service. The opening hymn was "Praise to the Living God." Anthems were sung by the Hispanic Choir of La Trinidad United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, California, Eli Saenz, Director. Ms. Alguire read the Scripture, Galatians 3:23-29, and led the Conference in prayer. Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Chicago Area, preached the devotional sermon entitled, "Free in Christ" (see page 801). A closing hymn, "Many Gifts, One Spirit," was sung, following which Bishop Washburn pronounced the benediction.

Committee on Agenda

Douglas F. Verdin (New York), chairman of the committee, presented the report. *Mr. Verdin* observed that the General Conference had been called to be in session through May 8, and the fact that many delegates had indicated that they would not be present on that day did not alter that fact.

He asked that *J. Kenneth Forbes* (South Indiana) be recognized for a procedural motion. *Mr. Forbes* moved that in this morning session of the Conference debate be limited to two speeches on each side of any issue, and that no speech exceed two minutes in length. The motion was adopted. J. Melvin Brawn (California-Nevada) objected to the limitation on debate, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order.

Mr. Verdin asked that John T. King (Southwest Texas) be recognized.

Dr. King: Bishop Slater, members of the General Conference, my sisters and brothers, thank you very much for this high privilege. Two of the sins of humankind which I consider to be among the greatest are the sin of selfishness and the sin of ingratitude. I try hard to be free of both but I have much more success with the second than with the first.

Let me express my personal appreciation and the gratitude of many other people to the Church through this General Conference for the support of all of our

institutions of higher education and especially the historic black colleges related to our church.

This support has been most helpful to thousands of young women and men across the years. This support has enabled our historic black colleges to assist young people from the poverty pockets of our nation through meaningful educational experiences to transfer themselves from the welfare roles to the tax roles, and this is of upmost importance to our country.

The history of the support of our twelve historic black colleges is well known to some but not to all. The old Race Relations Sunday offering, which served its time, was not effective, as it did not receive the support of the church as a whole. It provided much less than minimum support for these colleges.

At the 1970 General Conference some of us made plea after plea to place two million dollars in World Service to not only support these institutions but to call them to the attention of the Church in a most dramatic way.

This was not done, but the Negro Colleges Advance was authorized, and that was an improvement. The General Conference of 1972, as a result of recommendations of a special Study Commission on the Black Colleges, recommended the Black College Fund. There was some support at that Conference to place the Black College Fund in World Service, but the Black College presidents agreed to accept a special benevolence apportionment, realizing that this would be a new experience for the Church.

However, we presidents had faith and trust and confidence in our Church, and the record of the Black College Fund in the first three years of this quadrennium has sustained that faith and trust and confidence.

Bishop Slater: Dr. King, I must call you, please, the time is up.

Dr. King: Thank you very much. But as I leave this General Conference to go to my Centennial Commencement at which our son will be a graduate, I leave you with my prayers, with my blessings and with this one plea; please do not take any action in this General Conference which will hurt the Black College Fund and "vaya con Dios."

Mr. Verdin moved adoption of the agenda, as printed, with the understanding that, although no recess was listed, a recess would be called at a time deemed appropriate by the Chair. The agenda was adopted (see page 823).

Appreciation for Marshals and Pages

Mr. Verdin presented *E. A. Bailey* (North Mississippi), a member of the Committee on Agenda, who made a statement of appreciation for the services rendered to the Conference by the marshals and pages, and called for an offering to be received as a way of expressing gratitude to them. While the offering was being received, the Chair called for the report of the Committee on Presiding Officers.

Committee on Presiding Officers

Walter L. Underwood (Central Texas) reported for the committee that Bishops O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio Area, Earl G. Hunt, Charlotte Area, and Paul A. Washburn, Chicago Area, had been chosen to preside at Thursday's morning, afternoon, and evening sessions respectively.

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Norma C. Eby (Pacific Northwest) reported on behalf of the committee that there were some persons to be presented to the Conference. The Chair observed that this would require suspension of the rule which provides that no persons shall be presented after the sixth day, except by approval by a two-thirds vote of the Conference. The rule was suspended by vote of the Conference.

Ms. Eby asked that *Josafat Curti,* executive director of MARCHA, be recognized.

Mr. Curti: Good morning. Buenos Diás. Bishop Slater, sisters and brothers. I stand before you as one who believes that ours is a pluralistic church. I stand before you to symbolize one of the expressions of our pluralism. I stand before you in order to stir your awareness, your conscience and your concern for the Hispanic Ethnic Minority group of our country and Puerto Rico. When I talk about Hispanic minority I am not refering only to the Hispanic United Methodist people, but rather I am referring to the millions of Hispanic persons who are not related to our denomination nor to any other church and therefore are an integral part of our missional responsibility and concern. The United Methodist Church must develop a plan and a strategy for relevant, contemporary and intensive ministries of outreach and service to our people. I am concerned for the fact that at least 80 percent of Hispanic people of our population, or about 19 or 20 million, are not actively related to any church at all.

Why am I saying this? It is because this is part of our responsibility. This is the inalienable responsibility not only for the Hispanic-American, but for you too. All of our people are looking and watching at you and us. And this is precisely why we ethnic caucuses and, in this case, the Hispanics, have been actively engaged to bring consciousness and to let a church be at work with the still inadequacies in The United Methodist Church toward Hispanic-Americans.

One of the top priorities concerns of our time is in the whole area of salaries and pensions for the Rio Grande and Puerto Rico Conferences and the inadequate representation in the boards and agencies of the Church. We have improved very much, but still, we need your help. I'm not going to ask you to chant with me. "Viva MARCHA," not this time. I'm going to ask you to please go back and sensitize the Church for the request of Hispanic-Americans. Muchas gracias. We extend you greetings from MARCHA.

Ms. Eby called on Bishop James K. Mathews for a matter of privilege.

Bishop Mathews: Bishop Slater and brothers and sisters of the Conference, Emory Bucke has been Book Editor for 20 years. Before that he was for two years College Editor. Before that he was for ten years the distinguished and provocative editor of *Zion's Herald,* the oldest Wesleyan publication in the United States in continuous publication. Before that he was the pastor of two churches in New England. The first one blew down due to an act of God in the hurricane of 1938; the second suffered no apparent damage during his pastorate.

As Book Editor, he has processed two thousand titles. He and his staff have scrutinized 4,000 manuscripts a year. His principal achievement has been the production of the *Dictionary of the Bible.* 125,000 sets of four volumes are in use. He edits a best-seller, namely The United Methodist Discipline, and is such a

perfectionist that he redoes it every four years and rumor has it he's engaged in that task now.

As a boy, he sold peanuts on the streets of Sudbury, Pa., to raise money for the United Methodist building in Washington. Thanks, Emory, my office is there today. By his own admission he's a bishop-chaser. He followed Bishop Hartman as editor of *Zion's Herald;* Bishop Harmon as Book Editor; and followed Bishop Charles Wesley Burns long enough to catch his lovely daughter, Barbara, who is here—a specialist in education at Peabody, a wonderful woman in her own right. I hope that Bishop Carroll will bring them over here so that you may salute them.

Dr. Bucke was accorded a standing ovation by the Conference.

Ms. Eby called on *Gene E. Sease* (Western Pennsylvania) for a presentation.

Mr. Sease: Bishop, yesterday we had the privilege of presenting the members of the Commission on General Conference and Local Committee.

We have saved for today the opportunity to single out one of those persons who was here long before any of us arrived and has been here each night after we have all left the building, has been the first one here in the morning, who will be here long after we have gone home to clean up after us, and who has done that for nine times in the General Conferences.

I refer to the person who in the good judgement of Editor Roger Burgess deserved the cover picture and article in this morning's *DCA*, namely Dr. Norman Conard.

All of us who are parts of commissions and boards know that when we fly in and do our policy-making and then fly out, we leave staff members with the work to do. Norman has done that. I should like, before I present Norman for your acknowledgement, to mention that for two weeks now I have been watching across here above microphone No. 5, section 15, and when she hasn't been running back and forth to the airport to pick someone up or to answer phones or to do chores, Mary Conard has been sitting there, as she has through nine General Conferences watching that everything goes well. Mary, would you stand, please. And I present to you Dr. Norman Conard.

Dr. Conard was accorded a standing ovation by the Conference and made a statement of appreciation.

Ms. Eby called on Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson for the presentation of retiring bishops. Bishop Goodson called the names of the bishops who would be retiring following the 1976 Jurisdictional Conferences: Eugene M. Frank, Arkansas Area, 20 years of service; O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio Area, 16 years of service; Paul V. Galloway, Houston Area, 16 years of service; Don W. Holter, Nebraska Area, 4 years of service; Francis E. Kearns, Ohio East Area, 12 years of service; Prince A. Taylor, New Jersey Area, 20 years of service; C. Ernst Sommer, German Federal Republic Central Conference, 8 years of service; and F. Gerald Ensley, Ohio West Area, 24 years of service. The retiring bishops were given a standing ovation.

Ms. Eby asked that *Ralph Houston* be recognized for Judicial Council presentations. *Mr. Houston* asked Judicial Council

members' spouses and former members, present members, and new members of the Council to stand. He introduced the new members of the Council: Leonard Slutz (West Ohio); *Paul A. Duffey* (Alabama-West Florida); Elizabeth B. Gundlach (Western New York); *Gene E. Sease* (Western Pennsylvania); *Charles B. Copher* (North Georgia), reelected for another term; and Florence Lucas Edwards (New York). He then presented the newly elected officers of the Council: *Truman W. Potter* (West Virginia), vice-president; *Hoover Rupert* (West Michigan), secretary; and Tom Matheny (Louisiana), president.

Ms. Eby stated that, because of the pressure of time, unless there was great urgency to bring a matter to the floor, all future courtesies would be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate.*

Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

Thomas L. Cromwell (East Ohio), chairman of the committee, presented the report. *Mr. Cromwell* referred to Plan of Organization I, A, (2), *(c)*, and moved that it be amended to read, "The General Secretary of the General Council on Ministries for all general and executive secretaries." The amendment was approved by the required two-thirds vote.

Mr. Cromwell presented a recommendation to amend Plan of Organization VI, A, (10), by adding, at the end of the first full paragraph, the following: ". . . and shall be referred directly to appropriate legislative committees, without presentation to a plenary session of the General Conference." The recommendation was approved.

Mr. Cromwell presented a recommendation to amend Plan of Organization XI by deleting the existing paragraph and substituting the following:

> "The reports and recommendations of all Councils, Boards and Standing Committees, or Special Commissions or Committees to the General Conference shall be printed in an Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and mailed to all delegates at least sixty days prior to the opening of the General Conference. Such reports shall be printed in the same size and style as the *Daily Christian Advocate* and be punched for binding. In order to accomplish this, the finished copy of all such reports and recommendations shall be submitted to the editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate* at least 120 days prior to the opening of the General Conference. Any such reports and recommendations not so submitted, and not printed in an Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate,* shall be received by the General

Conference only upon the approval of three-fourths vote of the General Conference."

He observed that the recommendation was in response to a referral from the floor of the Conference some days earlier. *David A. Duck* (South Georgia) asked if the committee would accept an amendment providing that agency reports and recommendations should go to only one legislative committee. *Mr. Cromwell* responded that such a provision might best come later, and that it might be better if it were referred to the committee.

William P. Bailey (Memphis) offered a motion to refer.

Mr. Bailey: I move that the new Interim Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order be authorized and empowered to review and act for the Conference in preparation for the 1980 session—as related to a manner in which the general boards and agencies or an interagency task force may get its legislative proposals before the General Conference other than in the traditional petition system.

Mr. Bailey spoke in support of his motion. *Robert Courtney* (East Ohio) also spoke in favor of the motion. *Mr. Cromwell* expressed the committee's willingness to accept the referral. *William E. Trice* (North Texas) expressed the hope that the procedure developed by the committee would give delegates ample time to study agency recommendations. *Mr. Cromwell* responded. *Mr. Bailey* explained that that was also the intent of his motion of referral. The motion was adopted.

G. Ross Freeman (South Georgia) moved to amend the recommendation by substituting "thirty days" for "sixty days," and "sixty days" for "120 days." He spoke in support of the amendment. John B. Russell (Virginia) moved to amend the amendment by substituting "ninety days" for "sixty days," where the original recommendation had read "120 days." *Mr. Freeman* accepted the amendment. *Lawrence R. Taylor* (West Michigan) spoke in opposition to *Mr. Freeman's* amendment, on the grounds that delegates outside the United States would not receive their materials before leaving for the Conference. *Joseph R. Graham* (West Ohio) asked a question; *Mr. Cromwell* responded. *Mr. Graham* spoke in support of the amendment.

Douglas F. Verdin (New York) moved the previous question on all before the Conference on Plan of Organization XI. The previous question motion was adopted. *Mr. Cromwell* made a final statement in behalf of the committee position. *Mr.*

Freeman's amendment was defeated. The committee recommendation was adopted, and the Chair stated that adoption was by the required two-thirds majority.

Mr. Cromwell presented the committee's recommendation to amend Rule 38 to read as follows: "All legislation of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church shall become effective January 1 following the session of the General Conference at which it is enacted, unless otherwise specified (this rule to become effective with the 1980 General Conference)." *Mr. Cromwell* explained the rationale for the proposed change. *Clifford Droke* (California-Nevada) asked a question; *Mr. Cromwell* responded. *Mr. Droke* moved that Rule 38 be referred back to the committee. He spoke in support of his motion. *David H. Andrews* (Baltimore) spoke against it. *Wayne E. Shoemaker* (Iowa) asked a question; *Mr. Cromwell* responded. *Mr. Cromwell* expressed the opinion that a vote to refer the matter back to committee would mean that it could not be resolved before the next General Conference. He and *Mr. Droke* discussed the possibility of getting Conference action on a new recommendation at this session. Erwin H. Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) moved to defer action on Rule 38 pending examination of its effect on other disciplinary paragraphs. The Chair observed that positive action on the motion to refer would have the same effect. *Mr. Cromwell* responded to Mr. Schwiebert. *Mr. Droke's* motion to refer was defeated. The committee recommendation was adopted, with the Chair certifying that the action was by the required two-thirds vote.

Carlton Dodge (Eastern Pennsylvania) moved to amend Plan of Organization X and XI to provide for distribution and mailing of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and other delegates' materials to the first reserve delegate from each annual conference. Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) expressed impatience at the amount of time being spent on matters other than calendar items and asked about a procedure for expediting matters. *Douglas F. Verdin,* Committee on Agenda, replied that the administrative committee reports were taking more time than expected. He suggested that action on the remainder of this committee's report be deferred and that the Conference turn immediately to consideration of calendar items. The Chair suggested that action be completed on Mr. Dodge's motion, and that the remainder of the report then be deferred. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment. *Mr. Cromwell* suggested that it should be amended to read "first ministerial and first lay" reserve delegates. Mr. Dodge accepted the amendment, and his amendment was adopted as amended.

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp, chairman of the committee, made a statement about a possible Saturday session of the Conference. He then moved that the Thursday evening plenary session begin at 7 p.m. and adjourn at 11 p.m., with a fifteen minute recess at 9 p.m. The motion was adopted.

Recess

Mr. Hodapp moved that a ten minute recess be scheduled at 11:30 a.m., in order to give the Legislative Committee on Church and Society a block of time before recess for their reports. The motion was defeated. At *Mr. Hodapp's* suggestion, the Chair announced that the Conference would be in recess at this time for ten minutes.

Following the recess, *Carlton Young* led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Committee on Calendar

Jim A. Egan (Oklahoma), Committee on Calendar, called on *Mr. Hodapp* for an announcement. *Mr. Hodapp* and *Norman L. Conard* (General Conference Business Manager) made statements about the possibility of making changes in travel plans to accommodate a Saturday session. Mr. Egan called on John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairperson, for the presentation of reports by the Legislative Committee on Church and Society.

Committee on Church and Society, Report No. 32, Calendar No. 393 (Consideration Resumed)

Mr. Stumbo called on *Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.* (Western North Carolina) to resume presentation of the report on the Social Principles statement, which had been interrupted earlier (see page 438).

Mr. Hutchinson: Some words of clarification as a backdrop for our deliberations this morning. Some have requested or suggested that a more extensive statement be made by me of the rationale of the subcommittee and the committee for the proposals you see before you. I intended to do this only at a minimum for a few basic reasons—one is the time factor; the second is the fact that on every issue there were varying opinions within subcommittee and committee, and I would want to be fair to the minority as well as the majority.

That third reason is that when we come with proposals to relate to the beliefs of the participant, you are in a sort of different situation, it seems to me, than you are when you bring in structural or process proposals. In dealing with those, you have a certain direction in which you want to go, you listen to those with expertise, you develop a process which you think is practical and workable, and then you defend it as you present it. Here we have the journey from a person's individual beliefs to the corporate expression of those beliefs. It is an impossible

journey to take to begin with, and yet we must take it. I think the gospel mandates it.

In this type of process the best, it seems to me, that we can do is to share with you the considered opinion of a large group of people who have already tried to make this agonizing journey—40 to 50 or more in the subcommittee, which I suppose is the largest subcommittee of them all, and then the general committee. We offer you the wording to both inform and suggest to you the way, but we have to leave it to you to find that which expresses your beliefs, for these are our commonly held social principles.

Mr. Hutchinson reviewed the parliamentary situation which had existed at the time consideration of the report was interrupted, and at his request, the Assistant Secretary read the amendment proposed by Nadine Hardin (North Arkansas). *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) spoke against the amendment. *William O. Walker* (Oregon-Idaho) spoke in support of it. K. June Goldman (Iowa) opposed it. Lawton Shroyer (Eastern Pennsylvania) attempted to offer an amendment, but the Chair ruled that it was not in order pending action on Ms. Hardin's amendment. *Charles P. McDonald* (North Arkansas) spoke in support of the amendment. Mr. Shroyer was recognized again, but the Chair ruled that the Conference should vote on Ms. Hardin's amendment before another was offered. *S. Clifton Ives* (Maine) raised a point of order, that Ms. Hardin should have an opportunity to make a final statement in support of her amendment. Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) objected that Ms. Hardin had spoken at the time she offered the amendment. *Mr. Hutchinson* made a final statement on behalf of the committee.

Mr. Hutchinson: Bishop, the basic posture regarding all of subsection C, after extensive discussion by the subcommittee and then later confirmed by the full committee, was to retain this section as it is, the reasons being, first, we felt that it did say constructive things to the Church in behalf of the Church in an area which had not been previously discussed; second, we felt that many of our peoples were just now becoming aware of what had been said and studying it to their profit; and, thirdly, because of the number of petitions that requested this subsection be retained as it is—subsection C—we felt the best posture at this time was to retain it as is and continue to study it for the next quadrennium.

The amendment was defeated.

Mr. Shroyer: My motion then is to delete, "further we insist that all persons are entitled to have their human and civil rights insured, though we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching," and substitute the following: "We condemn the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

Mr. Shroyer spoke in support of his amendment. *Millard C. Cleveland* (Florida) asked a question about the relationship of the

proposed amendment to the action just taken on Ms. Hardin's amendment; the Chair responded. *Richard W. Harrington* (Western New York) spoke against the amendment. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) spoke against it.

William B. Grove (Western Pennsylvania) moved to suspend the rules in order to be able to vote the previous question on subsection II, C. The motion was adopted. Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) asked a question about what was included in the previous question motion; the Chair responded. *Mr. Hutchinson* asked that the right be reserved for an amendment to be presented on subsection II, B. The Assistant Secretary read Mr. Shroyer's amendment. *Dean A. Lanning* (Northern New Jersey) asked a parliamentary question; the Chair responded. The amendment was defeated. Subsection II, C was put to a vote and was adopted.

Mr. Hutchinson asked that Carolyn Oehler (Northern Illinois) be recognized for an amendment. Ms. Oehler moved to amend the report, subsection II, B, by adding at the end of the first sentence the words, "which is best expressed by love and mutual support." *Mr. Hutchinson* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee.

Becky Kesler (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the report, subsection II, B, by adding a new sentence at the end of the subsection, the new sentence to read, "To this end we encourage an active, accepting, and enabling commitment of the Church and our society to minister to the needs of divorced persons." Roy E. Blessing (West Virginia) spoke against the amendment. *Emerson S. Colaw* (West Ohio) spoke in support of it.

Floyd H. Coffman (Kansas East) moved to suspend the rules to move the previous question on subsection II, B. The motion was adopted. *Mr. Hutchinson* stated that he was willing to have the Conference decide on the amendment but was not in a position to accept it on behalf of the committee. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment, and it was put to a vote and adopted. Subsection II, B was adopted as amended.

Mr. Hutchinson presented subsections II, D and E, entitled "Abortion" and "Death with Dignity," respectively. Katherine W. Wilcox (West Michigan) moved to amend the report, subsection II, D, by inserting a new sentence at the point where the old provision, beginning with the words "We support removal," was being deleted. The new sentence would read, "We support the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision on abortion, which makes primary the decision on abortion by the first trimester pregnant woman, while abortions in the second and

third trimesters could involve other kinds of considerations, such as medical and social." Dr. Wilcox spoke in support of her amendment. Edwin E. Morehead (Mississippi) stated that the Chair was not recognizing persons in a certain portion of the auditorium.

Carroll H. Long (Holston) moved as a substitute for the amendment that the following language be deleted from the report: "We support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures. Nevertheless, governmental laws and regulations do not necessarily provide all the guidance required by the informed Christian conscience. Therefore, . . ." Mr. Long spoke in support of his amendment. Lois Olson (Wisconsin) spoke against it. Marianne Norman (North Indiana) spoke in favor of it. *Wayne C. Jarvis* (North Arkansas) opposed it.

Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) moved the previous question. *Mr. Hutchinson*, in his final statement on behalf of the committee, pointed out that adoption of the substitute would leave the document without any positive statement on the subject of abortion. The Assistant Secretary read the substitute. It was defeated. He read Dr. Wilcox's amendment. *Mr. Hutchinson* spoke against it on behalf of the committee. John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois) moved that the rules be suspended to permit a vote on subsections II, D and E. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. Dr. Wilcox's amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. Pat Stroman (Central Texas) stated that there was a section of the Conference in which persons desiring to speak were not being recognized.

The Chair observed that in order to continue consideration of this item, an extension of time would be required. Erwin Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) moved to extend the time, and the motion was adopted.

N. Robert Kesler (Southern California-Arizona) raised a point of order, that the Conference had had no opportunity to address subsection II, E. The Chair replied that the Conference had voted to suspend the rules in order to proceed to the vote on this subsection. Subsections II, D and E were put to a vote and were adopted. *John V. Moore* (California-Nevada) asked for the privilege of moving to delete a word in the section which had just been approved, but the Chair ruled that his request was not in order.

Committee on Calendar

Jim A. Egan (Oklahoma) called on *G. Ross Freeman* (South Georgia) for the presentation of a report from the Legislative Committee on Council on Ministries.

Committee on Council on Ministries, Report No. 35, Calendar No. 534

Mr. Freeman called attention to an error in the title of the report as printed and asked Robert D. Cheyne (North Arkansas) to present the report, which was a resolution on the subject "Mass Media." Mr. Cheyne indicated that this was the first of four items to be presented dealing with mass communication and pointed out one point at which the legislative committee had amended the resolution from the form in which it had been circulated before the Conference. John Chittum (East Ohio) asked a question; Mr. Cheyne responded.

Arthur L. Doty (Troy) moved to suspend the rules in order to proceed to a vote on the report. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. Report No. 35 was adopted (see page 1808).

Report No. 36, Calendar No. 535

Mr. Cheyne presented the report, which was in the form of amendments to "L. Report on Publications of the General Council on Ministries," as found in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate.* He explained the changes being recommended by the legislative committee. *Joseph G. Stapleton* (Peninsula) asked whether, if the Conference concurred in the report, any new money was being committed. Mr. Cheyne explained that this report simply called for "substantial funds," without specifying an amount, and that a report which would be presented subsequently would include a specific funding proposal. Lowan Pitts (Peninsula) asked that the term "substantial funding," as used in this report, be defined. Mr. Cheyne stated again that the funding proposal would be spelled out specifically in another report. Ms. Pitts replied that she needed more specific information about what was meant before deciding how to act on this report. Mr. Cheyne indicated that the funding which would be requested would be approximately the amount ($500,000) which had appeared in the original General Council on Ministries report and for which the legislative committee had substituted the phrase "substantial funds." *Mr. Freeman* explained further that this report was simply a resolution to establish a philosophy of communication, and that that was the reason that specific amounts were not being included in it. *Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III* (North Texas) referred to a statement in the report recommending the providing of management consultation in areas such as composition, printing, and production; he asked what such management consultation would involve and what expertise could be brought to this area. Mr. Cheyne replied that the intention was that JCC would be able to develop resources

and workshops in these areas upon request and thereby provide expertise where it is requested in the publishing of local and conference periodicals.

Douglas F. Verdin (New York) moved to suspend the rules in order to vote the previous question on this report. The motion was adopted. Report No. 36 was adopted (see page 1811).

Report No. 19, Calendar No. 328

In presenting the report, which provided for funding the comprehensive communications system in the amount of $659,000 per year, Mr. Cheyne referred to a "Report to the General Council on Ministries from the Joint Committee on Communications," which had appeared as part of an "Addendum to the General Council on Ministries Reports, Recommendations, and Resolutions" in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages 28-32. He spoke in support of Report No. 19. *Blaine E. Taylor* (Southern New England) spoke in favor of the report. *C. W. Hancock* (South Georgia) spoke against it. *Mr. Taylor* responded to *Mr. Hancock*. Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio) spoke in support of the report. The Chair called for a vote on the report, but *Benedict A. Galloway* (Louisiana) called to his attention that there had been only one speech against and three for the recommendation. *Edward L. Duncan* (Detroit) opposed the report. Oscar O. Garza, IV (Rio Grande) asked whether any of the proposed publications would be in Spanish; Mr. Cheyne replied that he hoped and had reason to believe that they would be. Mr. Cheyne made a final statement on behalf of the committee, and the report was put to a vote. John B. Russell (Virginia) moved to defer action on the report until the General Council on Finance and Administration budget reports were presented at the evening session, but his motion was not put to a vote. Report No. 19 was again put to a vote, and was adopted (see page 1788).

Committee on Church and Society, Report No. 59, Calendar No. 907

Mr. Egan, Committee on Calendar, called on John E. Stumbo (Kansas East) for presentation of a report from the Legislative Committee on Church and Society. Mr. Stumbo presented the report, a resolution on the Boston school crisis which had been referred to the committee from the Conference floor at an earlier session (see page 335). Walter Thompson (Southern New England) asked that Bishop Edward G. Carroll, Boston Area, be granted the privilege of the floor. Bishop Carroll was granted the right to speak by vote of the Conference.

Bishop Carroll: Bishop Slater, brothers and sisters of the faith. First of all will you permit me to express profound gratitude on the part of the church leaders who joined me in the Boston Area—I refer to the leaders of the major denominations, Protestant as well as Cardinal Medeiros—in expressing our gratitude for the prayers through telegrams, letters, telephone calls, telling us of your deep concern for a matter that is not just located in Boston and its environs, but one that affects us all over this country, and, indeed stretches to other parts of the world.

We want to express that. Time will permit me only to urge your profound support of this kind of a resolution, coming from a major denomination such as the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, for the reason of spiritual power being made available to those who need your support in seeking to do the will of God as it invades our actions in our ordinary life which, in this instance, pertains to the pursuit of quality education.

I urge your support because you will be able to reinforce those who are attempting to obey the law and thereby undergird that which supports our nation. This is a nation of law and order. This also is a nation under God. You will support people like a lady that I saw when I had the temerity to step into South Boston—maybe it is because I have an Irish name, Bishop Carroll, and also I was wearing the purple rabat of an episcopal leader—but I went to affirm a strong Irish lady who was insisting that her daughter would ride the bus in support of law and order, which was the law of the land. And also in support of a person like President John Silber, the only president of a major university in Boston, inclusive of Harvard, M.I.T., who volunteered his services with the Commissioner of Police to help cool the situation as the infectious hatred sprung from the busing situation almost like a rippling wave of endless circles of hatred and violence. You will reinforce people like this.

You will also help to save us from despair, and saving from despair is important not only for Boston, but also for this entire country. For you and I must be involved in a program where there is living hope that we can achieve the goals of righteousness made evident through obedience to the law and realizing that this is a nation under God. May I therefore urge your prayerful consideration, and I hope that it will be in the mood of the poet Rabindrath Tagore, whom I would like to paraphrase at this time: "That you will make your decision where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, where knowledge, quality education is free, where the world is not broken up into narrow fragments of South Boston or Roxbury or the communities that are represented here—wherever they may be in this country—where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way in the dreary desert sand of dead habits."

We haven't done it this way before, so therefore we won't do it. Into that heaven of freedom where God leads us into everwidening circles of thought and action, may this General Conference lead Christendom and this world into the walking in freedom that is so important for the salvation of this old world of ours. I thank you.

Robert B. Carpenter, Jr. (Virginia): Bishop, this is indeed a great moment in the history of this Conference. I think for once that we have a matter we see needs help, and I hope that at this moment we can suspend the rules and rise in one accord to help the brethren of Boston and those who need our help so much. I move its adoption if the rules are suspended.

The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. Report No. 59 was adopted, with the Chair indicating that it was by unanimous vote (see page 1275).

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Egan called for a report from the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) asked a question about Committee on Council on Ministries Report No. 38, which also contained a financial matter. Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania), vice-chairwoman of that legislative committee, pointed out that funds mentioned there were to come from the budget of the General Council on Ministries.

Committee on Financial Administration; Report Nos. 44, 45; Calendar Nos. 552, 553

Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio) presented the reports, explaining that they provided for the General Council on Finance and Administration to become the successor to the Methodist Corporation effective January 1, 1977, and that they had been agreed upon between the GCFA and the Methodist Corporation. Reports Nos. 44 and 45 were adopted (see pages 1713, 1714).

Report No. 43, Calendar No. 551

Mr. Moore explained that the report dealt with the distribution of the proceeds of the sale of Methodist Corporation property. Thomas Milligan (Central New York) moved to amend the report by deleting references to the Methodist Corporation Trust Fund, with its share of the distribution to be added to that to be returned to the Annual Conferences. He spoke in support of his amendment. *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) asked that Bishop James K. Mathews be granted the privilege of the floor, and permission was granted by vote of the Conference.

Bishop Mathews: Mr. Chairman and the members of the Conference. I shall be brief. What is involved here is a report on stewardship. The United Methodist Church by consent of repeated General Conferences did invest in a property in Washington—the largest unused piece left in the District of Columbia. We secured the 19 acres for $1.5 million. Additional funds amounted to $1 million more. Our total investment was $2.5 million. This has now been sold for a total amount of something in excess of $8 million which will be realized.

This is the source of the funds. We think that's good stewardship by anybody's book, but we did not intend it for this purpose. It was meant to be a United Methodist Center. To have built the center we would have needed $10 million more we do not have. We've moved into a time when we're more concerned about the welfare of people instead of buildings and it is for the enhancement of the lives of people that the four proposals were made by The Methodist Corporation and processed through this General Conference.

With respect to this specific matter, it is a center not for lobbying at all, but to do the basic scholarly research of the theological and Christian nature which would inform public policy. This is not a gift of money to a center which may be authorized by this General Conference, but is putting aside monies, the income of which to the amount of $50,000 a year, would be made available for this purpose

together with funds from other denominations. This would be re-evaluated after four years, and if it did not meet acceptable standards and performance to the General Conference, then this would not be proposed for further authorization. I trust that that may be of some help.

The Chair noted that the time set for adjournment was near. By vote of the Conference the time was extended to complete action on this report and to hear announcements.

John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois) moved to suspend the rules to permit action on the amendment and the report. The motion was adopted. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment. It was defeated. *Richard S. Parker* (New York) attempted to offer an amendment, but the Chair ruled that the Conference was on the previous question on the report. Report No. 43 was adopted (see page 1711).

Adjournment

J. B. Holt (Secretary) read announcements. *Mr. Hodapp*, Committee on Calendar, reported that, on the basis of reports from delegation chairpersons, it was clear that there would not be a quorum for a Saturday session, and that the Conference would need to finish its business at the Friday evening session.

Tom Reavley (Southwest Texas), speaking on behalf of United Methodists of the San Antonio Area, expressed appreciation for Bishop Slater's presiding. Bishop Slater expressed his appreciation to the Conference and to Bishops Alton and Carleton for assisting him. Bishop W. Kenneth Pope (Retired) pronounced the benediction, and the session was adjourned.

NINTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1976
AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the afternoon session of the ninth day, Thursday, May 6, 1976, at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte Area, presiding.

Carlton R. Young led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Joy to the World." Jeremiah Wolfe (Western North Carolina) offered the opening prayer, first in his native Cherokee and then in English.

Limitation on Debate

Jim A. Egan (Oklahoma), Committee on Calendar, moved that for the balance of the day, debate be limited to two speeches for and two against each motion and/or amendment, and that the time for each speech be limited to two minutes. The motion was adopted.

Committee on Agenda

Douglas F. Verdin (New York), chairman of the committee, stated that the committee had requested him to remind the Conference that all amendments are to be submitted in writing. He urged delegates to have amendments written and ready to send to the Secretary before presenting them at the microphones, thus avoiding delay. *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin) asked a question about the request; the Chair responded.

The Chair made a statement regarding the policies he would attempt to follow with respect to the closing of debate and the limitation on debate.

Committee on Independent Commissions; Report Nos, 56, 57, 58; Calendar Nos. 518, 519, 520

Mr. Egan, Committee on Calendar, called on *Hector Navas* (Florida), chairman of the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions, for the presentation of reports. *Mr. Navas* presented the reports, which dealt with legislative recommendations of the Commission on Religion and Race related to the local church, the annual conference, and the "Administrative Order" sections of the *Book of Discipline*, respectively. Each of the

reports was put to a vote separately, and each was adopted (see pages 1858, 1859, 1861).

Report No. 59, Calendar No. 521

The report, dealing with amendments to the legislation governing the general Commission on Religion and Race, was presented. *Vernon Bigler* (Western New York) asked a question about whether the legislation being proposed was permissive with respect to annual conference Commissions on Religion and Race. He expressed the view that it was the will of the Conference that annual conference structure be permissive. *Douglas F. Verdin* (New York) referred to a report which would be coming from the Legislative Committee on Local Church dealing with structure at that level. *John D. Humphrey, Sr.* (North Mississippi) observed that the previous report had left standing a disciplinary provision by which annual conference commissions were mandatory. He expressed the view that this was in conflict with Judicial Council Memorandum No. 411. *Mr. Navas* stated that if the legislation were in conflict with a Judicial Council ruling, the committee would accept a change.

E. Robert Dickerson (Alabama-West Florida) suggested a change in the provision for the upper limit of the young adult age group, in order to be consistent with earlier Conference actions; *Mr. Navas* accepted the change.

The report was adopted (see page 1862).

Report No. 60, Calendar No. 522

The report, dealing with the transfer of United Methodist ministers from other Methodist churches, was presented. *H. L. Watson* (North Carolina) stated that the report was at variance with another report on the same subject which would be coming from the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry. He asked about the procedure for dealing with the varying recommendations. The Chair asked if *Mr. Navas* would be willing to withdraw the report until a later time, but *Mr. Navas* declined to do so. *Mr. Watson* moved that Report No. 60 be tabled, and the motion was adopted (see page 1866).

Report No. 30, Calendar No. 293

Mr. Navas explained that the report had to do with the election of trustees of the John Street Church, New York City. He noted that there was a second report, Report No. 31, dealing with the same subject, in which the recommendation was for nonconcurrence. He explained that the petition addressed in Report No. 31 had consisted only of the names of the nominees

and had been originated by the trustees, whereas the petition addressed in Report No. 30 had originated with the Charge Conference and contained an additional statement of background material.

William T. Staubach (New York) moved to amend the report by deleting the paragraphs numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4, leaving only the names of the nominees; he moved further "that the legal and disciplinary questions of the act of the New York State Legislature in 1866 be referred to the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Richard S. Parker* (New York) asked that the privilege of the floor be granted to *H. Burnham Kirkland*, a reserve delegate from the New York Annual Conference and the district superintendent in whose district John Street Church was located.

Mr. Kirkland: Bishop and Conference delegates, this may seem to you like an in-house argument, and we have reached, I think, a satisfactory conclusion with this proposed amendment. As I understand the amendment from Mr. Staubach, you will elect the Trustees nominated by the Charge Conference. There is a difference of opinion between the Charge Conference and the existing Trustees as to amenability in the four-year span between sessions of the General Conference as well as from whence shall come the nominations, so that if the Judicial Council can resolve this for us prior to the next General Conference, we hope we will all be in order. And so we will accept this amendment and hope you will elect the Trustees nominated by the Charge Conference.

The amendment was adopted, and the report was adopted as amended, including the reference of the deleted portion to the Judicial Council (see page 1845).

Report No. 32, Calendar No. 295

Mr. Navas presented the report, dealing with the composition of annual conference councils, boards, and agencies. *Clay F. Lee, Jr.* (Mississippi) moved to amend the report by inserting, at the beginning of the proposed legislation, the words, "It is recommended that . . ." He spoke in support of his amendment. Kathryn Carroll (California-Nevada) spoke against it. *V. L. Daughtery, Jr.* (South Georgia) spoke in favor of it. Leigh Roberts (Wisconsin) opposed it. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment, and it was defeated. *Vernon Bigler* (Western New York) attempted to move reconsideration of Report No. 59, but the Chair ruled that the motion was not in order pending action on the report before the Conference. Report No. 32 was adopted (see page 1846).

Motion for Reconsideration

Vernon Bigler (Western New York) moved to reconsider

Report No. 59, Calendar No. 521. He indicated that he had voted for the report. He explained that the question was "whether the Commission on Religion and Race shall be mandatory and mandated in respect to the membership." The motion to reconsider was defeated.

Report No. 33, Calendar No. 296

Mr. Navas presented the report, consisting of legislation governing the membership of annual conference Boards of the Ministry. *William Hemphill* (Peninsula) spoke against the provision in the report for lay membership on such boards, noting that the annual conferences had rejected a constitutional amendment which would have accomplished this purpose and that the provision would conflict with legislation coming from the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry.

John V. Moore (California-Nevada) moved to amend the report, the provision for lay membership, by adding the following: "provided that lay persons shall not vote on recommendations regarding ordination, character and conference relations of ministers." Pat Stroman (Central Texas) asked a question; *Mr. Navas* responded. Mr. Stroman spoke against the provision for lay persons to be members of Boards of the Ministry. The Chair stated that the speech was recorded as one against the amendment. *Thomas Whitehead* (Oregon-Idaho) spoke in favor of it.

H. L. Watson (North Carolina) pointed out that in this case also there was a report from the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry which contained a recommendation that was different from the one being considered. *Mr. Navas* responded that the matter had been referred to his committee, that they had acted on it, and that their recommendation was before the Conference. *Mr. Watson* moved that the report be tabled until the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry reports on the same legislation. The motion to table was adopted (see page 1847).

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Navas noted that the time allotted for him to present reports had expired. Mr. Egan, Committee on Calendar, called for Woodrow Seals (Texas), chairman, to present reports from the Legislative Committee on Local Church.

Committee on Local Church

Mr. Seals introduced the subcommittee chairpersons who would assist him with the presentation and called attention to

editorial corrections which needed to be made in several of the committee's printed reports.

Report No. 142, Calendar No. 745

Mr. Seals explained that the report dealt with petitions on the subjects of baptism, dedication, and confirmation, and that the recommendation of the committee was that they be referred to the Board of Discipleship for study. The report was adopted (see page 1691).

Report No. 55, Calendar No. 658

The report, the committee's response to the Episcopal Address, was presented and adopted (see page 1670).

Report No. 44, Calendar No. 609

Mr. Seals presented the report, a resolution calling for the creation of local church structures which would involve church members in specific kinds of action, to be referred to the Board of Discipleship for appropriate implementation. The report was adopted (see page 1657).

Report No. 31, Calendar No. 596

Mr. Seals called on *Paul E. Myers* (Central Pennsylvania), subcommittee chairman, for presentation of a series of reports. *Mr. Myers* presented Report No. 31, with the explanation that it contained legislation designed to permit flexibility in local church structure. *Albert F. Fisher* (North Carolina) asked whether, under the legislation being proposed, it would be permissible for a local church Administrative Board and Council on Ministries to be one and the same. *Mr. Myers* asked that *Mr. Fisher* hold his question pending the presentation of some of the subsequent reports which would deal with alternate models of organization. The report was adopted (see page 1648).

Report No. 48, Calendar No. 613

Mr. Myers presented the report, containing legislation introducing the term "cooperative parish" as a designation for pastoral charges of two or more churches. He referred the Conference for background to the committee's Report No. 9, adopted earlier, dealing with churches in static and declining population areas. Report No. 48 was adopted (see page 1660).

Report No. 44—Reconsideration

Peter F. Chen (Southern California-Arizona) moved reconsideration of Report No. 44 and explained that his motion was for

the purpose of correcting the omission of any reference to Asian-Americans in it. The motion to reconsider was adopted. He asked that Asian-Americans be included in the paragraph which referred to other ethnic groups. Mr. Seals accepted the inclusion on behalf of the committee, and the report was adopted as amended (see pages 459, 1657).

Report No. 41, Calendar No. 606 (see page 1655)

Mr. Myers: Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Local Church is understandably concerned about all the types of churches which we have in United Methodism, both large and small, but we remind you that the next few items are of particular concern to the small churches in our denomination. We remind you also that of the 39,000 local churches in our denomination here in the United States, 29,437 of them—or roughly 75 percent—have less than 300 members. The largest single group is 9,302 churches between 60 to 99 members. Now, many studies show that a viable church by itself needs to have at least 400 members, so obviously these small churches are concerned not only about their existence but the way in which they can continue in dynamic ministry. And Calendar Items 606, 603 are intended to implement four things.

First that these small churches become visible, that they have a positive image and that we present this positive image in the paragraph of the *Discipline* at this point in the local church section rather than as definitions in the glossary that has been suggested by some of the petitions.

Second, that we admit though we have a recommended structure for middle-sized and larger churches, that we must have a variable structure for different forms of parish of small churches in combination with each other, whether in the rural areas or the suburban areas or in the downtown areas of our cities.

And third, that these churches be in viable situations, that they have workable ministries under competent leadership. And fourth, that these churches though small can be and are very vital, and we are concerned about promoting a life-giving element and a procedure of dynamism for these small churches in both the rural and urban areas. Having said that, most of the petitions that came in this area, and there were almost 100 of them, came from small churches, not only in Appalachia, not only in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, but in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, in Ohio, in Pennsylvania, and in all the states surrounding. Now, we call your attention to Calendar Item 606 and I think you will note that there are three introductory . . . two introductory paragraphs, one indicating the theological principle of what is being established here in variable forms of mutual cooperation, and second, that Annual Conferences should consider the establishment of this kind of parish ministry. And—then, Number 3, Mr. Chairman, lists in order seven definitions of cooperative parishes. We are not trying to limit it to seven, but these seven are visible, and these small churches want to be visible, they want to be counted, and they are proud of the type of ministries which they are presenting to you.

Delton Krueger (Minnesota): Bishop Hunt and fellow delegates. This legislation reflects what we feel is a forward step in a recognition of what is happening in nearly every conference across the connection. This legislation gives disciplinary sanction and also establishes understood terms and guidelines and therefore we feel it needs to be at this place in the *Discipline*.

Number two, the legislation strikes me as being theologically sound and connectionally appropriate. The incarnate love of God in Jesus Christ finds

expression in cooperative work and life among the local congregations. And with Paul in First Corinthians we are conscious of the frailties of the local church, but with Paul, we strongly affirm the theological and sociological place of the local church.

Cooperative parish ministries are providing a happy instance of local strong units willing to cooperate in love for the good of all. When many flowers are blooming brightly, it is a sign of strength, and I think if you look over the church, it is the springtime of our Lord. Amen, brothers and sisters, Amen.

Eugene J. Moore (Central Illinois) moved to amend the report, Par. 107.3(5) of the proposed legislation, by substituting "shared ministry" for "extended ministry." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Mr. Myers* replied that, if it was agreeable to *Mr. Moore* and to other members of the legislative committee, he would accept an amendment to change the reading to "extended or shared ministry." The suggestion was accepted. *Mr. Myers* read a proposed Par. 107.4 and explained that it had been inadvertently omitted in the printing of the report. The Chair suggested that the Conference vote the inclusion of this material as an amendment and it was so voted.

Willie B. Clay (Northern Illinois) moved to amend the report, proposed Par. 107.3(4), by adding a new second sentence, to read as follows: "Each church shall have a lay member to an Annual Conference." *Mr. Clay* spoke in support of his amendment. Harry K. Underwood (Baltimore) suggested that the proposed amendment would be unconstitutional, inasmuch as the Constitution provides for an equal number of lay and clergy members in the annual conferences. The Chair ruled that Mr. Underwood's observation was correct, and that the amendment was therefore not in order. *N. Robert Kesler* suggested that the amendment would not necessarily be in conflict with the Constitution, since many annual conferences have to add lay members in order to balance the number of clergy not appointed to pastoral charges. The Chair asked if the Conference would support his ruling that the motion was not in order, and he was supported by vote of the Conference.

John F. Walker (Little Rock) moved that the rules be suspended in order to move the previous question. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. The previous question motion was then adopted. Report No. 41 was adopted as amended (see page 1655).

Report No. 38, Calendar No. 603

Mr. Myers presented the report, explaining that it was intended to permit pastoral charges with two or more churches to elect charge-wide boards, councils, and committees. *Robert L.*

Close (Central Pennsylvania) observed that the proposed legislation stated that a charge conference "may" elect a charge-wide Pastor-parish Relations Committee, whereas, by *Discipline,* this committee must be representative of the entire charge. *Mr. Myers* accepted a change to a wording which would reflect this. Report No. 38 was adopted (see page 1653).

Emory S. Bucke (Book Editor, United Methodist Publishing House) pointed out that there was no other use in the *Discipline* of the term "charge-wide." He asked if the committee and Conference would be willing to use the term "charge" in place of "charge-wide." The Chair stated that there was no objection to the change.

Report No. 49; Calendar Nos. 614, 615

Mr. Myers explained that Calendar No. 614 was a majority report and Calendar No. 615 a minority report. He presented the majority report, which consisted of proposed amendments to the legislation governing local church Committees on Nominations and Personnel. He then explained that the minority report was in agreement with the majority report on all of the changes except one. In proposed Par. 162.2, the language of the majority report would require that the pastor be the chairperson of the committee, whereas the minority report would permit the committee to elect its chairperson.

Thomas L. Cromwell (East Ohio) spoke in behalf of the minority position. Gerald L. Downie (Central Illinois) spoke in support of the minority report. *Charles A. Sayre* (Southern New Jersey) spoke against it.

Mark J. Hostetter (Eastern Pennsylvania) moved to amend the minority report by deleting the sentence, "The committee shall elect its own chairperson," and substituting a new sentence, "The charge conference shall elect the chairperson." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Mr. Cromwell* offered to accept the amendment for the minority, but the Chair observed that the Conference wished to discuss it. *James E. Flinchbaugh* (West Ohio) spoke against the amendment and for the majority report. Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania) spoke in favor of the amendment. *Henry Clay, Jr.* (Mississippi) opposed it. *Richard W. Harrington* (Western New York) asked a question; *Mr. Hostetter* responded. The amendment was defeated.

Mr. Myers asked that Walter Thompson (Southern New England) make the final statement on behalf of the majority. *Frank A. Nichols* (Iowa) asked a question; the Chair responded. *Paul F. Blomquist* (Detroit) spoke in support of the minority position. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) spoke in favor of the

majority report. *Mr. Cromwell* declined the opportunity to make a final statement in behalf of the minority position. *Mr. Myers* made a brief statement and called on Mr. Thompson to make the final statement for the majority. The Chair ruled, however, that *Mr. Myers'* statement would have to be considered as the closing statement for the majority position. The minority report was defeated.

Lyle Christianson (Minnesota) called for a count vote on the minority report. The Chair put the call to a vote of the Conference and ruled that it did not receive the one-third vote required to order a count vote.

Lawrence R. Taylor (West Michigan) moved to amend the report by deleting the phrase, "as well as economic, social, and theological orientation of the congregation." He spoke in support of his amendment. Walter Thompson (Southern New England) spoke against it.

A. Jason Shirah (South Georgia) moved as a substitute for the amendment that all of the new proposed subsection 4 be deleted. He spoke in support of his amendment. *Wayne C. Hess* (Central Illinois) spoke against it.

J. Kenneth Forbes (South Indiana) moved the suspension of the rules for the purpose of moving the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. The previous question motion was then approved. *Mr. Myers* made a final statement on behalf of the committee against the substitute, and the substitute was defeated. The amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. Report No. 49 was adopted (see page 1660).

Statement Concerning Report No. 38

Walter E. Mischke, Jr. (Memphis) asked a question regarding the change in terminology from "charge-wide" to "charge" in Report No. 38 (see page 462).

Mr. Mischke: The terminology "charge-wide" was used intentionally at this point. Par. 106.1 in the *Discipline* designated a pastoral charge as being an appointment. If we're going to have multiple forms such as cooperative ministry designations, then the term "charge-wide" covers all forms of cooperative ministries.

And rather than use any other term or term that is not inclusive, we would prefer for the terminology "charge-wide" be kept so that it applies to all forms and there is no misunderstanding about the intended legislation.

Bishop Hunt: Thank you. The record of your concern shall appear as a part of the official record of this debate and will be taken into account, I am certain, by those who edit the *Discipline.* Thank you very much.

Perry H. Saito (Wisconsin) raised a procedural question; the Chair responded.

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Egan, Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Global Ministries, *Forrest C. Stith* (Baltimore), chairman.

At the Chair's suggestion, the Conference stood for the singing of a hymn.

Motion to Reconsider

Wayne C. Jarvis moved to reconsider Committee on Independent Commissions Report No. 32, Calendar No. 295 (see page 457). *Mr. Jarvis* explained that the provisions of the report were in conflict with other legislation the Conference had adopted. The motion to reconsider was defeated. The Chair stated that the reports in question would have to be reconciled by the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. *Mr. Jarvis* raised a point of order, that the conflicts could not be resolved by correlation or editorial change. The Chair replied that the Conference had refused to order reconsideration of the report and that therefore no other action on the matter was in order.

Committee on Global Ministries, Report No. 76, Calendar No. 834

Mr. Stith called for consideration of Report No. 76 and asked Plyna Strong (West Michigan) to present it. Mrs. Strong noted that the report was related to proposed changes in legislation governing the Board of Global Ministries as printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate.* Becky Kesler (Southern California-Arizona) suggested that there were two other paragraphs in that block of legislation which needed to be brought into line with new legislation adopted by this Conference. Mrs. Strong stated that the committee would probably be willing to accept any such changes, if they could be identified. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) suggested that, if these changes were of an editorial nature, they could be made in the editing of the *Discipline.* The Chair read from the Plan of Organization the functions of the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision.

Mr. Stith explained that there were some additional changes in the legislation covered by Report No. 76, and that these changes came as a result of negotiations with the Committee on Central Conference Affairs. He called on *H. Claude Young, Jr.* (Western North Carolina) for presentation of these additional changes.

Mr. Young presented amendments to the proposed legislation in addition to those printed in the committee report as follows:

(1) Proposed Par. 1559, delete the word "entire."
(2) Proposed Par. 1561.1, delete the paragraph title as it appears in Par. 1165 of the 1972 *Book of Discipline.*
(3) Proposed Par. 1561.3, after the word "fiscal" add "program grants."
(4) Delete proposed Par. 1567.2 in its entirety. The material being deleted read as follows: "The division shall facilitate the presence of overseas church consultants maintaining in its forums an international perspective."

Cathy Wells (Mississippi) called attention to an editorial change which needed to be made in the proposed legislation; *Mr. Stith* accepted it. Robert M. Harris (Nebraska) asked a question; *Mr. Stith* responded. Charles H. Stewart, III (Florida) called attention to a needed editorial change; *Mr. Stith* accepted it. John C. Simpson, Jr. (Virginia) asked a question; *Mr. Stith* responded. Report No. 76 was put to a vote and was adopted (see page 1578).

Report No. 20, Calendar No. 748

Mr. Stith presented the report, explaining that it called for the relocation of Par. 644 of the 1972 *Book of Discipline* in a new section to be entitled, "Affiliated United Churches." The report was adopted (see page 1554).

Report No. 37, Calendar No. 781

Mr. Stith presented the report, consisting of revision in the legislation governing Missions. The report was adopted (see page 1563).

Report No. 21, Calendar No. 749

John N. Trundle (Holston) presented the report. He explained that the report was a statement from the legislative committee to the General Conference and to the Board of Global Ministries in response to petitions calling for the establishment of a Division on Outreach Evangelism and Church Growth in that board. *Mr. Stith* noted that the report recommended nonconcurrence with the petitions in addition to concurrence with the statement. *George E. Poe* (Missouri West) commended the committee for the statement and expressed the hope that it would be widely read. The report was adopted (see page 1555).

Report No. 24, Calendar No. 768

Mr. Stith presented the report, a resolution dealing with mutual recognition of memberships between The United Methodist Church and other Christian churches, and it was adopted (see page 1557).

Report No. 25, Calendar No. 769

Mr. Stith read the report, a short statement recommending that boards and agencies program ecumenically wherever possible, and it was adopted (see page 1560).

Report No. 44, Calendar No. 788

Mr. Stith explained that the report was in the form of a resolution asking that a higher priority be placed on Town and Country Ministries, and that it was recommended for adoption and referral to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries. The report was adopted (see page 1568).

Report No. 45, Calendar No. 789

Mr. Stith presented the report, a resolution dealing with work in Appalachia, and it was adopted (see page 1568).

Report No. 46, Calendar No. 790

Mr. Stith explained that the report was a resolution affirming the actions and stance of the leadership of the Board of Global Ministries with respect to the relationship of missionaries to the CIA. The report was adopted (see page 1569).

Report No. 50, Calendar No. 794

Mr. Stith presented the report, which was in the form of proposed revisions in legislation related to Religion and American Life. It was adopted (see page 1570).

Report No. 51, Calendar No. 795

Mr. Stith explained that the purpose of the report was to amend the legislation governing the selection of delegates to the National Council of Churches governing board. The report was adopted (see page 1571).

Report No. 18, Calendar No. 746

Mr. Stith presented the report, a resolution calling for the drafting of a statement on the subject of interreligious relationships, and it was adopted (see page 1554).

Report No. 22, Calendar No. 750

Mr. Stith explained that the report was a resolution calling for approval of the reference of recommendations to the churches from the World Council of Churches Fifth Assembly; it was adopted (see page 1556).

Report No. 23, Calendar No. 751

Mr. Stith presented the report, an invitation to other autonomous churches to discuss concordats, and it was adopted (see page 1557).

William V. S. Tubman, Jr. (Liberia) indicated that he had tried to get the floor for the purpose of speaking on Report No. 23 and moved reconsideration. The motion to reconsider was adopted.

Mr. Tubman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I speak on this issue to get the clear picture and to put in the minds of the members of this General Conference some of the fears that some of us have from jurisdictions outside of the United States. Now, there appears to be certain other reports that will be forthcoming. An attitude which I may be interpreting improperly, but bringing about more autonomous churches and making it easier for Annual Conferences within Central Conferences outside of this jurisdiction to gain autonomy. Now the reason for this, I do not quite know, but I would like to say one thing. Perhaps this is a result of the misunderstanding of the decision taken at the—what is referred to—the decision taken at Lusaka by the Council of Churches of Africa in 1974.

Bishop Hunt: Sir, you have twenty seconds by our rules.

Mr. Tubman: And it is unfortunate, as a matter of fact, that matters dealing with the churches outside of the United States have to come at such a time now, speaking to what you just said, Mr. Chairman, that we do not have time to talk about it. It is unfortunate that sufficient time was not given for us to speak on matters that affect us. Obviously I cannot say what I wanted to say within 20 seconds.

I would like to assure the Committee on Global Ministries that the churches in Africa and other parts of the world still need and appreciate the idea of having missionaries going to these countries but on the conditions that are conducive to the present circumstances prevailing in these countries.

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) made a brief statement and moved that the invitation contained in the report be approved in principle, and that the report also be referred to the Commission on Central Conference Affairs for their study and recommendation. The motion was adopted.

Report No. 42, Calendar No. 786

Mr. Stith presented the report, a statement dealing with the alleviation of world hunger, and it was adopted (see page 1567).

Report No. 39, Calendar No. 783

Mr. Stith explained that the report was in the form of a resolution on proclaiming 1975-85 as International Women's Decade. It was adopted (see page 1564).

Report No. 40, Calendar No. 784

Mr. Stith presented the item, noting that it had already been covered by Conference action on Committee on Conferences

Report No. 71 (see pages 393, 1565). No additional action was required.

Report No. 41, Calendar No. 785

Mr. Stith explained that the report was a resolution affirming the Red Bird Missionary Conference, its viability and uniqueness. The report was adopted (see page 1566).

Report No. 47, Calendar No. 791

Mr. Stith noted that the report was related to an aspect of the missional priority on world hunger; it was adopted (see page 1570).

Report No. 56, Calendar No. 800

Mr. Stith explained that the report dealt with a petition calling for support of Episcopal women ordained priests, that the recommendation was for nonconcurrence because of limitations in addressing another communion with regard to its own legislation, but that there was also a call to "affirm and uphold our sisters in their choice to respond to the call to the ordained ministry." The report was adopted (see page 1573).

Report No. 64, Calendar No. 808

Mr. Stith presented the report, a resolution directing United Methodist COCU representatives to use all reasonable means to bring churches other than those of a predominantly USA background into COCU discussions. It was adopted (see page 1575).

Report Nos. 72, 77; Calendar Nos. 816, 835

Mr. Stith reported that the substance of these reports had been covered by action taken on other committee reports, and that no further action was required on them (see pages 1577, 1626). *Emerson S. Colaw* (West Ohio) suggested that time not be taken for the presentation of reports which duplicate previous actions.

Report No. 52, Calendar No. 796

Mr. Stith explained that the report called for referral to the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division of a petition on the relationship between Christians and Jews. It was adopted (see page 1572).

Report No. 78, Calendar No. 836

Mr. Stith observed that the recommendation on this also was

for referral to the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, and that it called for an intensified program of interpretation of the goals and purposes of the World Council of Churches. The report was adopted (see page 1626).

Legislative Committee Agenda Completed

Mr. Stith stated that, except for matters related to annual conference legislation, which would be cared for in reports from the Committee on Conferences, the work of the Legislative Committee on Global Ministries was completed.

Motion to Reconsider

H. Burnham Kirkland (New York) moved reconsideration of Report No. 44, Calendar No. 788. He explained that his purpose was to permit the introduction of an amendment to the report. The motion to reconsider was defeated.

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Egan, Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Church and Society, John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairman.

Committee on Church and Society, Report No. 32, Calendar No. 393 (Consideration Resumed)

Mr. Stumbo called for a resumption of consideration of the report dealing with the Statement of Social Principles, which had been interrupted at an earlier session (see page 449). He presented Section III, entitled "The Social Community." *Charles L. Allen* (Texas) moved reconsideration of subsection II, E. The motion to reconsider was defeated.

Mr. Stumbo asked *Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.* (Western North Carolina) to lead in the presentation of the report.

Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) moved that the remainder of the Statement of Social Principles be adopted with no further amendment.

Mr. Blackstone: Mr. President, and delegates, the Statement of Social Principles has been before you for four years and for several days. I've been a member of a Committee that has dealt with this at considerable length over the days preceding today.

We think those of you who have heard me speak privately, publicly, and in committee meetings know that I am no flaming liberal and am not any member of the Board of Church and Society or a devout adherent to all the things that it does; but I believe that we have adopted, or presented to you, a balanced, reasonably historic document, if you can have historicity in four years.

Each one of the amendments that has been offered in the last hours of consideration by this body have, in fact, been considered by the Committee if not

verbatim, almost verbatim; and we have with almost complete unanimity come to the conclusions which we offer to the body at this time.

I would, therefore, urge that we resist the temptation to each of us be an author, and that we proceed now to adopt what is a reasonable, balanced and, I believe, acceptable document for this Conference and for the Church.

William B. Lewis (Southern Illinois) asked a question for clarification of the printed report; *Mr. Hutchinson* responded. *C. Rex Bevins* (Nebraska) asked whether there were any additional amendments to be proposed by the committee, beyond those found in the printed report. *Mr. Hutchinson* replied that all of the amendments were printed. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) spoke in opposition to Mr. Blackstone's motion. *David A. Seamands* (Kentucky) responded to Mr. Vaughan. Marilyn Roberts (North Georgia) spoke in favor of the motion. Paul Hardin (Northern New Jersey) spoke against the motion and stated that he had hoped to have an opportunity to offer an amendment to subsection V, D, of the report. *Mr. Hutchinson* corrected the statement he had made earlier in response to *Mr. Bevins'* question and asked that subsection III, I, be amended, in the second sentence of the subsection, by the addition of the words "and any illegal drugs" after "marijuana."

Mr. Blackstone's motion was adopted, and Report No. 32 was adopted (see pages 1172-1189). *William B. Lewis* (Southern Illinois) moved reconsideration of subsection V, D, for the purpose of considering the amendment Mr. Hardin wished to offer. Leigh Roberts (Wisconsin) raised a point of order, that *Mr. Lewis* had not voted on the motion to adopt the report and was not therefore eligible to offer a motion to reconsider. *Mr. Lewis* acknowledged that Mr. Roberts was correct. William H. Patrick, Jr. (Louisiana) offered the motion of reconsideration in *Mr. Lewis's* stead, and it was adopted.

Mr. Hardin moved to amend the report, subsection V, D, by deleting the second, third and fourth sentences, and by substituting the following for them:

> "In our society this function can best be fulfilled through public policies which insure access for all persons to free public elementary and secondary schools and to post-secondary schools of their choice. Persons in our society should not be precluded by financial barriers from access to church-related and other institutions independent from the state. We affirm the right of public and independent institutions to exist and endorse public policies which insure access and choice and which do not create unconstitutional entanglements between church and state."

Mr. Hardin: Thank you. The report in chief, which I am seeking to amend, states the United Methodist position as favoring free higher education. This is a noble ideal, but impractical in this day. A very practical ideal which indeed is one toward which a great many very responsible people are working is to insure that we have access to a variety of those secondary institutions by all persons regardless of race, age, sex, and economic condition. This ideal is very important and quite attainable.

My amendment also would support church-related institutions, bringing the Social Principles document into accord with one of our proposed quadrennial emphases, and with resolutions adopted earlier in this conference, and with the very excellent sermon given by Bishop Stowe earlier in the week.

The original document supports the right of independent institutions to exist. I think we might also extend that right to public institutions, but the point is surely more than existence—the point would be service to all who seek higher education. Finally, Mr. Chairman, I would prefer to use my caution about constitutional entanglement, rather than the Jeffersonian phrase "separation of church and state." There is no rigid separation of Church and state; otherwise, we couldn't have public police and fire protection of church property. That phrase was a Jeffersonian infelicity used for good historical reasons, but not currently important in constitutional law. What is important, however, is that Church and state not be entangled in ways that would inhibit either the free exercise of religion or tend to establish a state church. Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate support of the body on this amendment.

Erwin Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho): I would like to ask a question as to whether this proposed amendment is intended to open the door to federal support for church-related colleges? If so, I would like to speak against it.

Mr. Hardin: Mr. Chairman, it obviously is intended to continue the present policies we now have in which students attending church-related institutions in common with other students are eligible for student financial assistance. My personal philosophy supports that kind of aid to higher education as the best constitutional way to achieve some freedom of choice for students, and some diversity in American higher education. I favor that, rather than direct grants to the church-related schools precisely because of the entanglement issue.

James W. Bristah (Detroit): I am very confused by the introduction of an issue which is very substantial, the text of which none of us have before us. I am not entirely clear after just hearing the reading of this amendment of just what all it includes. It does get us into an arena which is very involved, and very complex, and without the kind of written material in front of us, I seriously doubt that we can handle this complex item with a great degree of responsibility. For example, it is not clear to me just the scope of the kind of support that would be given to poor students to go to school.

Does this have reference, for example, to the several forms of efforts that are going on in the country to get some form of tax credits or some kind of reimbursement to parents who wish to send their children to private elementary and secondary schools. It is not clear to me from hearing the reading that this kind of issue is very clearly delineated. And because of this, I would hope we would vote this down.

Richard B. Wilke (Kansas West) spoke in support of the amendment but moved that action on it be deferred until it could be printed in Friday's *Daily Christian Advocate.* The Chair suggested that the motion to defer be held in abeyance, pending a determination as to whether it would be needed. *Paul M. Minus*

(West Ohio) asked for the legislative committee's response, and the Chair indicated that the committee would have an opportunity to respond. *Richard L. Christopher* (South Indiana) spoke against the amendment. *Mr. Hutchinson* stated that he would not oppose the amendment but could not accept it because the committee had not considered it. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment, and it was adopted. (see page 1185).

Related Reports

Mr. Hutchinson stated that there were legislative committee reports which were related to the Statement of Social Principles. The Chair suggested that these not be presented for individual action. *Mr. Hutchinson* presented a correction which needed to be made in Report No. 9, Calendar No. 116. He indicated that Report Nos. 65-66, Calendar Nos. 1033-1034, would be covered later by an omnibus motion (see pages 1130, 1277-1281).

Mr. Stumbo expressed appreciation to the Conference for its confidence in the committee's work on the Statement of Social Principles.

Adjournment

Bishop Hunt stated that the time set for adjournment of the session had arrived. He thanked Bishops Short and Crutchfield for assisting him during his presiding. He also thanked the Conference for their cooperation and hard work. He stated that a representative of his Area had requested the opportunity to make a statement, but that he had asked that that not be done.

J. B. Holt (Secretary) made an announcement. Bishop Roy H. Short (Retired) pronounced the benediction, and the session was adjourned.

NINTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1976
EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Paul A. Washburn

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the ninth day, Thursday, May 6, 1976, at 7 p.m., in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Chicago Area, presiding.

Under the leadership of *Carlton R. Young,* the Conference joined in the singing of the hymn, "God of Love and God of Power." Bishop Washburn led the Conference in prayer.

Procedural Statement

The Chair explained that the first item on the evening's agenda was the presentation of recommended budgets for the new quadrennium. He stated that the procedure would be for the General Council on Finance and Administration to present its recommendations and then for the related recommendations of the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration to be presented. The recommendations would then be before the Conference for consideration.

Matter of Privilege

R. Franklin Thompson (Council on Finance and Administration) asked that Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, president of the Council on Finance and Administration, be recognized for a matter of privilege. Bishop Ensley introduced R. Bryan Brawner, General Treasurer, and explained that Dr. Brawner would be retiring in a few days.

Dr. Brawner: Thank you very much, Bishop Ensley, for this opportunity to speak just a word to the Conference. I realize very definitely that this is not a time for speeches, but what I want to say to you is this.

It's been a real joy and a privilege to have served the Church in this capacity for the past eight years, and I want to say that for every kindness, every gracious act, and for you individually as faithful and dedicated servants of the Church, I shall be eternally grateful. I hope you will not feel that I am off base when I thank specifically one other person.

The responsibilities of this office have taken me away from home many days and weeks, and I want to take this opportunity to say a word of "thank you" for a faithful and understanding wife. She's been understanding and committed to what the office of the General Secretary and Treasurer has to do by way of service to the Church. And in leaving this office of the General Secretary and Treasurer of

the General Council on Finance and Administration, I do so with a sense of gratitude and with an humble and contrite heart.

Thank you for everything that you have meant to me and will continue to mean to me across the years, and may God bless you all. Thank you.

Bishop Ensley then presented *Ewing T. Wayland* as Dr. Brawner's successor in the office of General Treasurer.

Committee on Financial Administration

Jim A. Egan (Oklahoma), Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration, Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio), chairman. Mr. Moore reviewed the procedure which would be followed in the presentation of budget recommendations and introduced *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) for the introduction of reports from the Council on Finance and Administration.

Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 1—World Service Fund (see page 2000)

Mr. Drennan introduced the Council's Report No. 1 as printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, calling particular attention to the "Proposed World Service Budget" included in the report. He noted that the figures shown were the recommendations for annual allocations to the agencies and causes indicated for each of the four years, 1977-1980. *Mr. Drennan* recounted briefly the process from which these recommendations had emerged. He stated that the proposed total of $24,980,000 per year for the World Service Fund represented a 6.3% increase over the amount apportioned during the 1973-76 quadrennium, but a 15% increase over 1975 receipts.

Report No. 9—Missional Priorities Fund (see page 2032)

Mr. Drennan stated that, because of the close connection between the report on the World Service Fund and the Council's recommendations regarding the funding of missional priorities, the two matters would be considered together. He called on Paul Webb, Jr. (North Georgia) for the presentation of the report dealing with the funding of missional priorities.

Mr. Webb called attention to a report of the Council printed in Thursday's *Daily Christian Advocate* and explained that it was intended as a substitute for the Council's original Report No. 9, as presented to an earlier session of the Conference (see page 275). He pointed out that the recommendation was to establish a single apportioned fund to include funding for each of the three missional priorities set by the Conference. He noted that,

between the proposed apportioned funding and recommended Advance special funding, the recommendations for two of the missional priorities were for the maximum amount requested by the Conference. In the case of the smaller amount recommended for the evangelism priority, he stated that the proposed amount was based on a recommendation to the Council by the General Council on Ministries.

Mr. Webb explained the Council's rationale for recommending a single apportioned fund, rather than three funds, and for recommending a separate fund, rather than inclusion in the World Service Fund. Following his statement, Mr. Webb moved adoption of the Council's Report No. 1 and of the material now proposed as a substitute for Report No. 9.

Committee on Financial Administration, Report No. 17, Calendar No. 252

Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio), chairman of the legislative committee, explained that the report recommended concurrence with the Council's Report No. 1, and that there was also a minority report to be presented at the appropriate time.

Edward L. Duncan (Detroit) moved to amend the Council's new Report No. 9, the figure proposed for inclusion in the apportioned fund for the evangelism priority, by changing that amount to $250,000, and by increasing the total of the proposed apportioned fund to $4,250,000. Mr. Moore asked a procedural question; the Chair responded. *Mr. Duncan* spoke in support of his amendment. *R. Jervis Cooke* (Peninsula) identified himself as vice-chairman of the General Council on Ministries; he spoke against the amendment, stressing the process by which GCOM had arrived at its recommendation and the reasons for the recommendation. *H. Thomas Walker* (Minnesota) spoke in favor of the amendment.

Jimmy Sowder (Florida) moved to amend the amendment by adding a provision that the United Methodist National Association of Conference Evangelists be included in the work done under the missional priority on evangelism. The Chair ruled that the amendment was not germane to the question of the amount to be included in the fund for the support of the evangelism priority. Robert D. Cheyne (North Arkansas) attempted to ask a question on a subject other than that dealt with in *Mr. Duncan's* amendment, but the Chair stated that it would not be in order at this time.

H. Eugene Peacock (Western North Carolina) spoke against the amendment. *Mr. Duncan's* amendment was defeated.

Report No. 17 (Minority); Calendar No. 253

Clifford Droke (California-Nevada) presented the minority report. He explained that its effect would be to place an additional $2,000,000 ($1,500,000 for the ethnic minority local church priority and $500,000 for scholarships for Hispanic, Asian and Native Americans) in the World Service Budget, making a new total of $26,980,000, and to reduce the proposed Missional Priorities Fund by a corresponding $2,000,000. *Mr. Droke* called on *Merlyn W. Northfelt* (Northern Illinois), a signer of the minority report, and *Mr. Northfelt* presented the rationale for the minority report.

Hazel M. Decker (Texas) moved to suspend the rules to allow for four speeches on each side of this issue. The motion to suspend the rules was defeated.

Clay F. Lee, Jr. (Mississippi) spoke in opposition to the minority report.

Majority Report—Consideration Resumes

The Chair stated that he had proceeded incorrectly in failing to allow perfection of the majority report before turning to debate and perfection of the minority report. He called for debate and proposed amendments to the majority report.

Dwight M. Bittner (Western Pennsylvania) moved to amend the majority report by reducing the total of the proposed World Service Fund budget to $23,500,000, the reduction of $1,380,000 to be distributed among the on ratio items in the World Service budget in amounts to be determined jointly by GCOM and GCFA; in case agreement cannot be reached, all on ratio items would be reduced proportionately. Mr. Bittner spoke in support of his amendment. *Thomas L. Butts* (Alabama-West Florida) spoke against the amendment. *William B. Grove* (Western Pennsylvania) spoke in favor of the amendment. Norma C. Eby (Pacific Northwest) spoke in opposition to it. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment, and it was defeated.

John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois) spoke in support of the Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 1. Pat Stroman (Central Texas) asked whether an amendment to Report No. 1 would be in order at this time. The Chair and *Mr. Drennan* responded. *Stanley Hanks* (Minnesota) asked a question about the most appropriate funding method to achieve the goals which had been set; *Mr. Drennan* responded.

Robert D. Cheyne (North Arkansas) asked whether the $659,500 approved earlier for communications was included in the recommendations for the World Service Fund. Mr. Drennan stated that it was not, and that the Council would have a

recommendation to make on that later in the budget presentations. *Gerald A. Krause* (Wisconsin) moved to amend the report by taking $659,000 from the Ministerial Education Fund and adding it to the Joint Committee on Communications allocation in the World Service Fund. He spoke in support of his amendment.

Thomas L. Cromwell (East Ohio) asked a question regarding which reports, recommendations, and calendar items were properly before the Conference at this time. A discussion ensued between the Chair, the Assistant Secretary, *Mr. Drennan*, and *Mr. Cromwell*, seeking to clarify this matter. *Mr. Drennan* summarized that, as he understood it, the matters before the Conference included the World Service Fund budget and the recommendations related to the funding of the missional priorities. The Chair ruled that *Mr. Krause's* amendment was not in order.

William D. White (Northern Illinois) asked a question regarding parliamentary procedure; the Chair responded.

Pat Stroman (Central Texas) moved to amend Report No. 1 of the Council on Finance and Administration by reducing the allocation of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women to $150,000 and increasing that of the Board of Discipleship to $3,350,000. He spoke in support of his amendment. Eleanor Richardson (North Georgia) spoke against it.

Rules Suspended

Charles Purdham (Minnesota) moved to suspend the rules in order to first perfect and act upon the minority report and then to proceed to the majority report. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted.

Report No. 17 (Minority); Calendar No. 253—Consideration Resumed

The Chair recognized *Paul A. Duffey* (Alabama-West Florida) for a speech in favor of the minority report. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) raised a point of order, stating that at the time consideration of the minority report was suspended earlier, there had been a related motion pending. The Chair ruled that *Mr. Duffey* was in order to proceed, and *Mr. Duffey* spoke in favor of the minority report.

Robert W. Stevens (Pacific Northwest) moved to amend the minority report to provide that the entire $4,125,000 proposed for the Missional Priorities Fund be placed in the World Service budget as separate line items, making a new total of $29,105,000 for the World Service Fund. He spoke in support of his

amendment. *H. Claude Young, Jr.* (Western North Carolina) spoke in opposition to the amendment and in favor of the minority report. John B. Russell (Virginia) asked how World Service receipts were divided if they were less than the amount apportioned. *Mr. Drennan* explained that, in that event, all of the allocations under the "On Ratio" heading were reduced proportionately. W. David Stedman (Western North Carolina) made a statement related to the proposed budget. Harold F. Smith, Sr. (Southern New England) raised a point of order, that Mr. Stedman's statement should be recorded as a speech against; the Chair indicated that it would be so recorded. *William O. Walker* (Oregon-Idaho) spoke against the amendment and in favor of the minority report. Carroll H. Long (Holston) observed that Mr. Stedman's statement related to the budget proposals as a whole and should not be recorded as a statement against Mr. Stevens' amendment.

Alferd E. Wilken (Iowa) moved to suspend the rules in order to be able to vote the previous question on the amendment and the minority report. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. Mr. Stevens' amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. *Clifford Droke* (California-Nevada) made a final statement on behalf of the signers of the majority report. *Mr. Drennan* made a final statement in behalf of the majority position. *Perry H. Saito* (Wisconsin) raised a point of order, that the motion to suspend the rules had been put to a vote, but that the previous question motion had not been voted; he asked if he could be permitted to speak. The previous question motion was adopted. Betty Jean Foster (Minnesota) asked whether there was any projection of anticipated income under the two funding approaches represented in the minority and majority reports. No one called for the floor for the purpose of answering the question, and the Chair put the minority report to a vote. *Melvin M. Finkbeiner* (Pacific Northwest) raised a point of order, that there was a question before the Conference. Paul Webb, Jr. (North Georgia) responded to Ms. Foster's question. Oscar O. Garza, IV (Rio Grande) asked a question, but the Chair ruled that it was argumentative in nature. The minority report was put to a vote, and it was defeated (see page 1697).

Majority Report—Consideration Resumed

The Chair called for resumption of debate on Mr. Stroman's amendment to the majority report (see page 477). *Sharon Brown Christopher* (Wisconsin) spoke against it. George A. Wright (South Georgia) spoke in favor of it. Mr. Stroman's amendment was defeated.

Recess

The Chair announced that the Conference would be in recess for a brief period. Following the recess *Carlton Young* led in the singing of the hymn, "Son of My Soul, Thou Saviour Dear."

Committee on Financial Administration, Report No. 34 (Majority Report), Calendar No. 542

Mr. Moore explained that the report called for the funding of the missional priority on hunger by means of a recommended general Advance special in the amount of $5,000,000. He called attention to the fact that there were three reports in opposition to this recommendation: Committee on Council on Ministries Report No. 21, previously adopted by the Conference and referred to CFA (see page 1801); the Council on Finance and Administration's newly substituted Report No. 9 (see page 2032); and the Committee on Financial Administration Report No. 34 (Minority Report), Calendar No. 927. Each of these three reports would place $2,000,000 for world hunger in an apportioned benevolence and would seek the remaining $3,000,000 as a general Advance special.

Mr. Moore called for the adoption of Report No. 34 (Majority Report) and asked that *C. Rex Bevins* (Nebraska) be recognized for presentation of the minority report.

Report No. 34 (Minority Report), Calendar No. 927

Mr. Bevins presented the report and moved its substitution for the majority report. *Robert Courtney* (East Ohio) asked if this minority report was the same as the Council on Finance and Administration report; *Mr. Bevins* replied that it was the same. *Mr. Drennan* added that the Council on Finance and Administration was willing to accept the minority report. *C. Wilburne Hancock* (South Georgia) asked for further clarification on the relationship between the reports; *Mr. Drennan* responded. Gloster B. Current (New York) asked whether there would be further opportunity to perfect the majority report; the Chair replied that there would.

Ernest W. Lee (Southern New Jersey) asked for clarification on the parliamentary situation; the Chair, the Assistant Secretary, and *Mr. Drennan* responded. *Alferd E. Wilken* (Iowa) objected that only the report of the legislative committee, not the report of the Council on Finance and Administration, was properly before the Conference. Paul Webb, Jr. (North Georgia) raised a point of order, that according to Plan of Organization VI, B, 7, the Council on Finance and Administration does present its report to the General Conference, and that when it does so, the

Legislative Committee on Financial Administration presents its recommendations and may propose amendments. *John H. Mikkelsen* (Nebraska) raised a series of questions about the parliamentary situation, to which the Chair responded.

Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) moved concurrence with the minority report, Calendar No. 927. Earle N. Cooper (Troy) moved to amend the motion to read that the minority report, Calendar No. 927, be substituted for the majority report, Calendar No. 542.

R. Jervis Cooke (Peninsula): I would like to speak in support of this motion to substitute 927 for the other report, and the rationale for which the GCOM has given its support to this, I think, needs to be understood by this body. If this hunger priority were all in Advance Specials there would be a very severe problem, and it is this. Advance Specials must be for specific projects, and no monies in Advance Specials may be used for administration of program.

Now, we feel that it is important that this be divided, $2,000,000 in the benevolence and $3,000,000 Advance Special, because the $3,000,000 will be on projects, specific projects; the $2,000,000 will be used part of it for administration, but also partly for broad programming which might not be easily catalogued into projects—broad programming in the interest of the hunger program. We believe it is very important that this money be divided in this fashion, support the substitution and the CFA position.

Paul L. Hartsfield (Florida) spoke against the motion. *Robert Courtney* (East Ohio) spoke in favor of it. *H. L. Watson* (North Carolina) attempted to ask a question, but the Chair ruled that his question was not in order.

Carroll H. Long (Holston): Mr. Chairman, I was much impressed by the remarks of the gentleman from the Florida Conference with the results that they had in their campaign for hunger in the last few months. I believe, with him, that this would be the response which we would find all over the Church. It seems to me that we want to do the right thing for world hunger, we will go by way of Advance Specials because it probably will produce more money.

There is another danger which I would like to point out in trying to place it as a Missional Priority Fund or in the World Service Fund, and that is the damage that it will do to other funds which are already there, particularly the Black College Fund which would be a direct competitor. Since the Black College Fund is established in this manner of being promoted, and since there is already a proven method of promoting the World Hunger Fund which has been very productive, it seems to me that we would want to keep all of the World Hunger Fund in Advance Specials as the most productive method. Thank you.

The motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report was put to a vote and was adopted (see page 1703). The Chair explained that because of this action, the legislative committee report and the Council on Finance and Administration report were in agreement.

Motion to Amend Missional Priorities Fund Report

Richard D. Tholin (Northern Illinois) moved to amend the Council on Finance and Administration report related to the Missional Priorities Fund by increasing the amount designated for the ethnic minorities local church priority to $2,000,000, and by increasing the amount designated for the HANA scholarship program to $650,000, making the fund total $4,775,000. *Mr. Tholin* spoke in support of his amendment.

Final Action—Committee on Financial Administration, Report No. 34

Charles A. Tyler (South Indiana) raised a point of order, that, having voted to substitute the minority report (Calendar No. 927) for the majority report (Calendar No. 542), the time when the reports could be perfected was past, and *Mr. Tholin's* amendment was therefore not in order. The Chair replied that in his judgment consideration of the amendment would be in order, but *Mr. Tyler* disagreed. Erwin H. Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) expressed the view that, regardless of the parliamentary situation in which the Conference found itself, if Calendar No. 927 was to be the basis of its action on the Missional Priorities Fund, the Conference needed to be free to amend it in any way that might improve it. The Chair stated that *Dr. Tholin's* amendment was related to a different report and called for a final vote on Report No. 34, as substituted. The report was adopted (see page 1703).

Council on Finance and Administration Reports—Consideration Resumed

The Chair stated that *Mr. Tholin's* amendment (see above) was now properly before the Conference for consideration. *Earl B. Carter* (North Arkansas) moved to suspend the rules in order to be able to vote on all matters before the Conference. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted.

Gerald A. Krause (Wisconsin) asked what the effect of the proposed vote would be on his earlier amendment related to the Ministerial Education Fund and the Joint Committee on Communications allocation (see page 477). The Chair replied that the report to which that amendment was related was not yet before the Conference. *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming) asked whether the report on the General Administration Fund was included in *Mr. Carter's* previous question motion; the Chair replied that it was not included. *Robert Courtney* (East Ohio) asked *Mr. Drennan* to clarify what reports were now before the Conference; *Mr. Drennan* replied that the Council on Finance

and Administration report on the World Service Fund and its proposal for the Missional Priorities Fund were the matters before the Conference. The Chair put the previous question to a vote, and it was ordered.

Mr. Drennan indicated that there was one more matter related to the World Service Fund budget which needed to be reported. Robert D. Cheyne (North Arkansas) asked that the report on this matter be heard. The Chair asked whether *Mr. Drennan* intended to modify the report, and *Mr. Drennan* replied that he did not.

Mr. Drennan: You referred to us the matter of the Joint Committee on Communications item of $659,000. Your referral directed CFA to find $659,000. We acted upon this at lunch time, and this is our response. Concerning Calendar Item 328, referred to the Council on Finance and Administration, to find $659,000 for additional support of the Joint Committee on Communications system, the council reports that there are no contingent or other funds on hand to allocate to this JCC request. The Joint Committee on Communications is already funded in the World Service budget, two items totalling $2,500,000 toward similar purposes. The General Council on Finance and Administration reaffirms its earlier World Service budget recommendation for a total to be retained at $24,980,000 annually for the next quadrennium.

The council suggests that if this General Conference desires to fund a communications program by an additional $659,000, this amount may be added to the Joint Committee on Communications line item in the World Service budget on ratio. This would have the net effect of increasing the World Service budget from $24,980,000 to $25,639,000. The Council feels strongly that this should not be done, but if the General Conference desires to fund the communications program further, the appropriate way to do it is to add the JCC budget item.

Robert D. Cheyne (North Arkansas): Now, Mr. Chairman, may I address myself to that because I had prior agreement with the speaker—now I'm not speaking on the World Service Fund. I am speaking on the action of this Conference this morning, because I do not wish it to be added to the World Service Fund. And this is what we have been discussing. But if we are going to move in areas under the World Service Fund, on page 670, then I believe I should have the opportunity because this Conference directed CFA to find a place for it. I do not wish for it to be in World Service Fund.

The Chair stated that the matter before the Conference was the World Service Fund. *Willie B. Clay* (Northern Illinois) made a statement regarding the parliamentary situation.

The Chair called for the vote on *Mr. Tholin's* amendment, and the Assistant Secretary read it. The amendment was defeated. The Chair called for the vote on the Council's Report No. 1, the World Service Fund, and Report No. 9, the Missional Priorities Fund, and they were adopted (see pages 2000, 2032).

Motion to Extend the Time

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, stated that a time had been reached which had been set aside by his committee for

reports from the Legislative Committee on Church and Society. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) moved "to extend the time to finish the World Service Report."* The motion was adopted.

Jameson Jones (Rocky Mountain) suggested that the Conference be in recess for five minutes, but the suggestion was defeated by vote of the Conference.

Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 2

Mr. Drennan presented the report, dealing with the formula by which the World Service Fund and other funds as specified were to be apportioned. *William B. Lewis* (Southern Illinois) moved to amend the report to provide that one-half of the apportionment would be based on membership and one-half on non-building, non-benevolence expenditures. He spoke in support of his amendment.

Richard P. Meredith (Little Rock) moved that the Council's recommendations regarding fund totals and all supporting reports be approved. *John P. Miles* (Little Rock) spoke in favor of the motion. *Mr. Drennan* suggested that Report No. 2 and *Mr. Lewis's* pending amendment should be disposed of before considering a motion such as Mr. Meredith's.

Don L. Riggin (Little Rock) moved to suspend the rules in order to move the previous question on Report No. 2. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted, and the previous question motion was likewise approved. The Assistant Secretary read *Mr. Lewis's* amendment, and it was defeated. Oscar O. Garza, IV (Rio Grande) attempted to offer an amendment, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order because the previous question motion had been voted. Report No. 2 was adopted (see page 2010).

Matter of Privilege

Bishop Washburn thanked the Conference for its courtesy to him and asked that he be permitted to relinquish the chair to one of his colleagues to preside for the remainder of the session. Bishop Washburn was accorded a standing ovation by the General Conference.

Bishop Yeakel Presides

Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel, Syracuse Area, assumed the task of presiding over the remainder of the session. Bishop Yeakel asked

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*Mr. Vaughan's motion was understood and applied by the Chair and the Conference as relating to all of the reports of the Council on Finance and Administration rather than to the World Service report only.

that he be permitted the privilege of putting in words the Conference's appreciation to Bishop Washburn, both for the courage he had just displayed and for the sermon he had preached to the Conference at the morning session.

Council on Finance and Administration—Report No. 3

Mr. Drennan introduced *John W. Curry, Sr.* (South Carolina) for the presentation of the Council's Report No. 3. *Mr. Curry* presented the report, dealing with the Episcopal Fund.

Committee on Financial Administration, Report No. 18, Calendar No. 254

The report, which consisted of amendments to Report No. 3 of the Council on Finance and Administration, was presented by the legislative committee chairman, Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio). *John D. Wolf* (North Indiana) moved, as a substitute for the legislative committee's amendment to the provision for bishops' salaries, to amend the CFA report to include the following provision governing salary increases: "Salary increases graduated each year shall be in accordance with the cost of living of the previous year plus $500." The Chair stated that he had been informed that the Council on Finance and Administration was willing to accept the amendment. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) asked a question about the amendment; the Chair responded. Mr. Cromwell asked for further clarification, and Mr. Moore asked that a representative of the Council respond. *Mr. Cromwell* asked whether it was in order for the Council to accept an amendment to the report of the legislative committee. The Chair asked *Mr. Wolf* a question related to his amendment; *Mr. Wolf* responded. The Chair ascertained that the legislative committee would not accept *Mr. Wolf's* amendment, and *Mr. Wolf* spoke in support of the amendment.

Barbara Blackstone (Western Pennsylvania) moved that a representative of the Council of Bishops be permitted to give information about a news report that the Council had considered requesting that bishops' salaries be held at the present level for the 1977-80 quadrennium. The motion was defeated.

Richard O. Truitt (Wisconsin) spoke against *Mr. Wolf's* amendment. William McPherson (Minnesota) asked what other salaries in the church were tied directly or indirectly to bishops' salaries. *Mr. Drennan* responded that the committee which sets salary ranges for general, associate general, assistant general, and executive secretaries takes into consideration the level of bishops' salaries, and that the salaries for these staff persons may not exceed those of bishops. Lowan Pitts (Peninsula) asked

questions about the source of the funds and the effect of the proposed amendment on the Episcopal Fund apportionment. The Chair and *Mr. Drennan* responded.

Robert Courtney (East Ohio) asked Mr. Moore a question about the legislative committee amendment to the episcopal salary provisions; Mr. Moore responded. The Chair stated that it was his judgment that *Mr. Wolf's* amendment was proper.

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) spoke in support of *Mr. Wolf's* amendment. James A. Starr (Detroit) spoke against it. *Mr. Wolf's* amendment was defeated.

John B. Russell (Virginia) moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving the previous question, and the motion to suspend the rules was adopted. Mr. Russell moved the previous question on the committee report and the CFA report dealing with the Episcopal Fund, and the previous question motion was adopted. William T. Robey, Jr. (Virginia) asked a question about the report; the Chair responded. *John D. Humphrey, Sr.* (North Mississippi) asked a question; the Chair responded. *Mr. Curry* stated that the Council on Finance and Administration was willing to accept the amendments proposed by the legislative committee to the Council's Report No. 3. *Charles Dailey* (East Ohio) asked whether the figures in the section of the report dealing with the pensions of surviving spouses of bishops would also be adjusted in accordance with the other changes recommended by the legislative committee. *Mr. Drennan* replied that the appropriate adjustments would be made in that section. The legislative committee's Report No. 18 and the Council's Report No. 3, as amended by the legislative committee report, were adopted (see pages 1698, 2012).

Motion to Suspend Rules

J. Lloyd Knox (Florida) moved to suspend the rules in order to vote on the remaining Council on Finance and Administration reports numbered 4 through fifteen, as printed in the advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, with the minor changes made by the legislative committee. *Robert W. Thornburg* (Central Illinois) raised a point of order, that reports from other legislative committees which related to some of these reports had been deferred until this time, and that these reports ought to be considered. The Chair put the motion to suspend the rules to a vote, but it did not receive the required two-thirds vote.

Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 4

Mr. Drennan presented the report, dealing with the Ministerial Education Fund, and moved its adoption.

Committee on Financial Administration, Report No. 19, Calendar No. 255

Mr. Moore reported that the legislative committee recommended concurrence with the report of the Council on Finance and Administration on the Ministerial Education Fund, but noted that there was an amending report from the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry.

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, Report No. 9, Calendar No. 41

Thomas A. Langford (Western North Carolina), chairman of the legislative committee, presented the report. He explained that the report recommended concurrence with a petition calling for "retention of the 2% plan for the Ministerial Education Fund for 1977-80." At the request of the Chair, in order to place the issue before the Conference, *Dr. Langford* moved that Report No. 4 of the Council on Finance and Administration be amended by substituting 2% for 1.75% as the percentage factor in section 3 of the report. D. W. Brooks (North Georgia) spoke in support of the amendment. Bernard R. Shashaguay (West Michigan) asked a question about the apportionment base to which the 2% would be applied. *Mr. Drennan* replied that he assumed that the purpose of "restoring the 2% plan" would include restoring the fixed base, as it had been in the present quadrennium; the result of this would be that expenditures for 1974 would be the base to which the 2% was applied, and the apportionment would remain the same for the quadrennium. He explained that the Council's report differed not only in recommending a factor of 1.75%, but also in recommending that the apportionment base change each year. Thus each year the apportionment would change and would be based on expenditures for the most recent year for which data were available. Mr. Shashaguay spoke in opposition to the amendment proposed by the Higher Education and Ministry committee. *Paul E. Myers* (Central Pennsylvania) spoke in favor of it.

Carl E. Price (Detroit): The Legislative Committee on Council on Finance and Administration voted 85 to 0 to maintain the 1.75 ratio as recommended by CFA. The reason we voted that way was because it was our understanding that the total dollars raised over the quadrennium would not be significantly different between the two formulas.

The significant difference that was important to us is that if we go on the 2 percent plan, it increases the budget a million and a half dollars for the first year of this quadrennium. That is going to deplete the other items as the money does not come in to fund all of them fully. We felt it was better for the total church to get the seminaries their money on a graduated base that would increase each year of the quadrennium, instead of taking that tremendous jump in the first year.

Jameson Jones (Rocky Mountain): I speak on behalf of the committee first to say that there is great gratitude for this fund and the Church should be proud of it. Let me try to suggest what the issue really is and give you the facts as best I know them. There is no disagreement on the purpose or use of the fund. The basic issue is the difference between 2% plan as originally voted by the Uniting Conference, and the 1.75% plan as proposed by CFA. You will vote between the two.

The difference is that the 2% plan is based on the second year of the previous quadrennium. The 1.75% plan is based on the latest year for which statistics are available. This does bring a change. Under the 2% plan the apportionment will be the same for each year of the quadrennium. Under the 1.75% plan the apportionment will change and probably rise each year of the quadrennium.

The issue is the amount of dollars. Both speakers against the amendment are incorrect. The 1.75% plan that is changed annually on the basis of the latest year for which statistics are available which will produce a larger apportionment, will cost more money over the quadrennium, than will a 2% plan that begins three years old and by the end of the quadrennium is based on figures seven years old.

Why then, do the seminaries want less money? In order to preserve a principle. The CFA report, if adopted, will set a precedent whereby CFA will come into the General Conference every four years and suggest a percentage which the Conference must act upon. We are proposing a smaller amount of money in the 2% plan in order to preserve the basic idea that the plan is built into the life of the local churches and of the whole Church for the support of ministry.

In support of the 2% plan are the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools, the Commission to Study the Ministry of the General Conference, the Division of the Ordained Ministry, the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry of this General Conference without a single negative vote. I ask you to vote yes on the amendment which retains the 2% plan and will cost you less over a quadrennium.

Mr. Drennan made a final statement on behalf of the Council on Finance and Administration.

Clifford Droke (California-Nevada) attempted to ask a question, but the Chair ruled that the question was not in order. The Higher Education and Ministry amendment was put to a vote and was adopted (see page 1418).

Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 4—Final Action

Mr. Drennan explained that the amendment just adopted would require some additional changes in the definition of the apportionment base, but that if the Conference would understand that these changes would be made in a way which would restore the method of apportionment to that used during the 1973-76 quadrennium, the report could be voted with that understanding. The Chair asked if the Conference would agree to an amendment such as *Mr. Drennan* had described, and the vote was affirmative. Report No. 4, as amended, was put to a vote and was adopted (see page 2020).

Time Extended

The Chair stated that the time set for adjournment had arrived and asked for guidance as to the will of the Conference. He stated that there was a motion to extend the time to complete the report, and the motion to extend the time was adopted.

Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 5—Temporary General Aid Fund

Kim Brown (Memphis) moved to suspend the rules in order to be able to vote the previous question on Report No. 5. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. *Mr. Drennan* moved the adoption of the report. *Melvin G. Talbert* (Southern California-Arizona) asked a question; the Chair responded. Report No. 5 was put to a vote and was adopted (see page 2023).

Richard O. Truitt (Wisconsin) asked whether there was a legislative committee report related to this item; Mr. Moore responded that the legislative committee recommendation on this report was for concurrence. *Mr. Truitt* asked whether the motion to adopt should not have been made by the legislative committee. The Chair asked if the Conference would sustain him in the procedure which had been followed, and the vote was to sustain the Chair.

Report No. 6—General Administration Fund (see page 2025)

The Chair asked if there were any reports from the Council on Finance and Administration in which the legislative committee did not concur. It was determined that there were legislative committee amendments to the Council's Report No. 6, dealing with the General Administration Fund, and that there was also a minority report. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) asked that the legislative committee calendar item be clearly identified in connection with each of the Council's reports.

Committee on Financial Administration, Report No. 22, Calendar No. 258

Mr. Drennan identified the legislative committee's Report No. 22 as the item related to the Council's report on the General Administration Fund. Mr. Moore presented, in sequence, the amendments to the Council report as contained in the legislative committee report. At his request, *Paul D. Martin, Jr.* (Virginia) explained one of the proposed amendments. Each of the legislative committee amendments was adopted by separate vote of the Conference (see page 1699).

Report No. 22 (Minority Report), Calendar No. 259

Mr. Moore called for the presentation of the minority report, and it was presented by *J. Kenneth Forbes* (South Indiana).

Mr. Forbes: I find myself in a rather strange position here because in comparison to the millions of dollars we are talking about, I feel like I am under a table some place searching for a crumb, when I begin to discuss Project Equality. You are probably all aware of the history of this movement which came about by a combination of ecumenical bodies trying to find an approach to the problems of equal opportunity employment.

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church during the past quadrennium has been funding Project Equality to the tune of approximately $20,000 a year, coming from the budgets of the boards and agencies of our Church. The present projection for the 1976-1980 quadrennium is for a support placed in the General Administration budget in the amount of $1,000. Those of us who present the minority report are interested in Project Equality, first of all, because we believe that there are still economic problems which exist in terms of minority peoples and that Project Equality is a viable proposition whereby we support the Office of Economic Opportunity of the government, adding conscience to effort.

The thrust of the minority report asks for the placement of $20,000 in the General Administration budget for the continual support of this work. We believe that the $1,000 suggested or presently proposed, is token giving, and that the $20,000 signifies the total commitment of the Church, not only in philosophy but in finance. And we move the acceptance of the minority report.

In response to a question from the Chair, *Mr. Drennan* explained that the $1,000 to which *Mr. Forbes* had referred was a one-time grant from contingency funds and thus did not appear in the line item budget for the General Administration Fund as contained in the Council's Report No. 6. *Mr. Drennan* indicated that adoption of the minority report would add such a line item to the budget and would increase the fund total to $1,462,000.

James A. Mackay (North Georgia) asked a question: *Mr. Drennan* and the Chair responded. Charles H. Weston, Jr. (West Ohio) asked about the rationale for the Council on Finance and Administration recommendation.

Mr. Drennan: Thank you, sir. This matter was brought to us, and the history is that during this quadrennium several of the boards and agencies have contributed an amount of about $20,000 to National Project Equality. The history of Project Equality is that the Roman Catholic Church and other denominations felt that there was need for an agency to monitor the hiring practices, the purchase from suppliers that might not be observing the same non-segregation, etc.—discrimination against hiring. etc.

Now, the agencies have been giving $20,000 as of now, and they will not—they have suggested that these program agencies not give this money for the next quadrennium. So they have come now and made a request for $25,000 to us. Now, Project Equality was involved in both monitoring the outside secular world—for instance hotels that were not open in their services to all persons, etc.—and the money was also to monitor the agencies of The United Methodist Church—an

outside agency to come in and monitor. Now the rationale for our feeling that the support should be reduced is this. As far as the outside world is concerned, since Project Equality began, there have been state laws and federal laws that are doing the things and requiring adherence to certain hiring practices, et cetera—

Bishop Yeakel: Excuse me. I think the question was why did CFA reduce the $20,000 to $1,000?

Mr. Drennan: Because—if I may have just 30 more seconds—we feel that what Project Equality was doing outside was now being done by somebody else, and Project Equality doesn't have to do it. Internally within The United Methodist Church, we have had requests from the Commission on Religion and Race for money to do the internal work. We feel that Project Equality does not have a program which would be beneficial to the Church, and we would then along with other denominations either eliminate or reduce the contribution. The Roman Catholic Church has completely abdicated this, and we feel we will make a symbolic appropriation of $1,000.

L. Doyle Masters (Tennessee) moved suspension of the rules in order to be able to vote on the minority report and the Council's Report No. 6. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming) asked a question; *Mr. Drennan* responded. *Mr. Reid* called attention to the fact that the Conference had earlier adopted Committee on Financial Administration Report No. 10 (see page 1695), and that that report was supportive of the minority report position. *Mr. Forbes* made a final statement in behalf of the minority report. *Mr. Drennan* declined the opportunity to make an additional statement on behalf of the Council. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) asked a question; the Chair responded. The minority report was defeated (see page 1699).

Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 6—Final Action

Melvin G. Talbert (Southern California-Arizona) attempted to introduce a motion; the Chair ruled that a motion would not be in order, since the Conference had suspended the rules in order to vote on the report. Report No. 6 was adopted (see pages 1699, 2025).

Report No. 7—Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Mr. Drennan presented the report and moved its adoption.

Adjournment

Roy C. Clark moved adjournment, and the motion was adopted. *Mr. Hodapp*, Committee on Calendar, made an announcement.

William P. Bailey (Memphis): Mr. Chairman, I move the suspension of applicable rules in order that this General Conference may vote concurrence in

one vote upon all Calendar Items before us which had no dissenting vote in the respective legislative committees and that the Calendar Committee inventory such items and duplicate the Calendar Item numbers in order that they may be placed upon the desks of the delegates during the morning session tomorrow and acted upon later in the day.

The Chair stated that the parliamentary situation would not permit formal action on such a motion. He asked if the Conference would be willing to indicate agreement with the intent of the motion, in order that the necessary information could be developed. Agreement was indicated by vote of the Conference.

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Ohio West Area, pronounced the benediction, and the session was adjourned.

TENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1976
MORNING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Charles F. Golden

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the morning session of the tenth day, Friday, May 7, 1976, at 8:30 a.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Charles F. Golden, Los Angeles Area, presiding.

Rebecca K. Barger (Baltimore) was the liturgist for the devotional service. Following the Organ Prelude, the Conference joined in the singing of the hymn, "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord." Four anthems were sung by the group known as "Celebrate the Sun" from Indiana Central University, Indianapolis, Indiana. *Ms. Barger* read the epistle lesson from Ephesians 4:4-6, and the gospel lesson was selected verses from John 17. The devotional sermon, entitled "That All May Be One," was preached by Bishop James K. Mathews, Washington Area, (see page 806). The closing hymn was "Thine is the Glory."

Call to Order

The Chair called the business session to order and made a brief statement about procedures which would expedite the business of the Conference.

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio): Bishop, I rose only to urge that this Conference not panic. We have been in worse situations by far in other General Conferences, and we got through. Let's not completely abandon the democratic process. There is danger of motions that would cut off any resistance or any opposition to what is before us. And I suggest to you that if by some chance we did not finish our work, the existing legislation would remain, which may be much better than hastily adopted legislation that has not been considered and opposed.

Committee on Agenda

Douglas F. Verdin (New York), chairman, reported on behalf of the committee. He called attention to evaluation forms which had been distributed to the delegates' places, asked that they be completed, and explained that they would be delivered to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for their use in preparing rules changes for submission to the next General Conference. *Mr. Verdin* then moved that the agenda as printed be amended by providing for a ten minute presentation by the

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges at the beginning of the afternoon session. The motion was adopted by the required two-thirds majority.

Mr. Verdin reported that the Council of Bishops would have two nominations to present during the morning session. He moved that the agenda as printed and amended be adopted and announced that Bishop J. Kenneth Goodson would bring the closing address whenever the Conference adjourned. The agenda was adopted.

Committee on Presiding Officers

Jameson Jones (Rocky Mountain), chairman of the committee, announced that the presiding officers would be Bishops Charles F. Golden, Los Angeles Area, H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Nashville Area, and Dwight E. Loder, Michigan Area, for Friday's morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, respectively. He expressed appreciation to the bishops who had presided and to those who had been asked and had expressed willingness to preside if needed.

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman, reported on behalf of the committee. He explained that the plan for the morning and afternoon sessions was to work in blocks of time, approximately one-half hour to a block. If there were to be exceptions to this plan, he asked that the legislative committee chairpersons and the Committee on Calendar be permitted to negotiate those exceptions, rather than having motions to extend the time come from the floor of the Conference. He announced that the schedule called for specified priority reports to be presented during the morning and afternoon from the following legislative committees: Financial Administration (completion of the budget), Higher Education and Ministry (the question of homosexual ordination), Council on Ministries (recommendations concerning a study of human sexuality), Discipleship (concerns about family life), Church and Society (omnibus report on general welfare), Independent Commissions (two constitutional matters), Central Conference Affairs (remainder of their report), Conferences (minority report items), Local Church (important local church legislation), and Council on Ministries again (General Council on Ministries legislation).

He called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration, Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio), chairman.

Matter of Privilege

A. Jason Shirah (South Georgia) stated that on two occasions when a member of the South Georgia delegation had spoken, he had not been accorded a respectful hearing by the Conference. *Mr. Shirah* attempted to make a statement protesting this matter, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order.

Committee on Financial Administration, Report No. 23, Calendar No. 260

Mr. Moore explained that the legislative committee report related to the report of the Council on Finance and Administration dealing with the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund. He added that the committee recommended concurrence in this report (see page 1700) and in all remaining reports of the Council, except for two amendments to the report on Special Days. He also reported that the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry wished to present an amendment to the Black College Fund report.

Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 7—Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Merrill W. Drennan (Baltimore) introduced the report and moved its adoption. Frances M. Manson (Kansas East) attempted to introduce a motion of reconsideration on an earlier report, but the Chair asked that she delay her motion until the completion of this report.

Thomas Milligan (Central New York) moved to amend the report by reducing the allocation to the National Council of Churches by 50% to $250,000, and that to the World Council of Churches also by 50%, to $150,000. He spoke in support of his amendment.

Augusta Carruth (South Georgia): I would like to speak against the motion. To begin with, the increase that has been suggested and recommended is a very small amount. We are practically holding the line.

Number two, in our proportion of giving to these National and World Councils of Churches, we do very little compared to the size of our denomination. Three, I think this is the day of ecumenicity. As we heard earlier this morning, Bishop Mathews saying that Christian unity is what it's all about.

To me it's really a sin not to be working with people of other denominations. The image, I think, that we have as separated Christians is one which is a great detriment to all of us.

And finally, that we have people—both board members, division members—on the World Council of Churches from the United Methodist organizations. We have very effective members and staff who are on the National Council of Churches. And we are trying to be accountable in these places, to represent our denomination, as well as to serve as Christian persons.

Frank A. Nichols (Iowa) moved the previous question on the amendment, and the previous question motion was adopted. The amendment was defeated. Report No. 7 was adopted (see page 2028).

Motions to Reconsider

Frances M. Manson (Kansas East) moved to reconsider Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 6. She explained that she had additional information concerning Project Equality which the Conference had not had before it when action was taken on this report the previous evening. The motion to reconsider was defeated.

John H. Mikkelsen (Nebraska) moved to reconsider the Council's Report No. 2. He indicated that the purpose of his motion was to allow Oscar Garza IV (Rio Grande) to introduce an amendment related to the apportionments of the missionary conferences. He spoke in support of the motion to reconsider, but it was defeated.

Erwin Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) raised a point of order, that the motion to reconsider was debatable. The Chair stated that he was correct, but that no one had sought to debate the motion.

Report No. 8—Black College Fund

Mr. Drennan introduced the report and moved its adoption.

Committee on Financial Administration; Report Nos. 24, 32; Calendar Nos. 261, 303

Mr. Moore explained that Report No. 24 recommended concurrence with Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 8, and that Report No. 32 was also supportive of the dollar amount recommended for the Black College Fund for the ensuing quadrennium.

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, Report No. 163, Calendar No. 891

Thomas A. Langford (Western North Carolina), chairman of the legislative committee, called attention to this report of his committee which was also related to the Black College Fund. He explained that there had been no opportunity to present it to the Conference for action, but that it was supportive of the Black College Fund.

Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 8—Action Completed

The Council's Report No. 8, dealing with the Black College Fund, was adopted (see page 2030).

Mass Communications Fund

Mr. Drennan explained that this concluded the reports of the Council on Finance and Administration related to budgetary matters, but that the request of the Joint Committee on Communications for the funding of a communications system was as yet unresolved. He asked that Robert D. Cheyne (North Arkansas) be recognized. By vote of the Conference Mr. Cheyne was granted permission to introduce a motion related to this matter.

Mr. Cheyne moved the establishment of a line item under apportioned funds, "to be labeled 'Mass Communications Fund,' and that an annual apportionment for the next quadrennium be fixed at $600,000, for the primary purpose of carrying out a broad communications effort with the emphasis on supporting our missional priorities." Mr. Cheyne spoke in support of his motion. *Dean A. Lanning* (Northern New Jersey) spoke against it.

Kenneth Plummer (Central Pennsylvania) referred to a statement in the Council on Finance and Administration report which provided that the cost of promoting the Missional Priorities Fund would be a prior claim against that fund. He asked whether this provision would be eliminated if Mr. Cheyne's motion was adopted. The response was that the provision would not be eliminated. *C. W. Hancock* (South Georgia) asked whether the proposal was to increase the allocation to the Joint Committee on Communications from the World Service Fund. Mr. Cheyne replied that that was not the motion. *A. McKay Brabham, Jr.* (South Carolina) spoke in favor of the motion.

Merlyn W. Northfelt (Northern Illinois) moved to amend the motion to provide that the $600,000 item be placed in the World Service Fund. He spoke in support of his amendment. *George M. Mann* (Southern California-Arizona) spoke in opposition to additional funds for mass communications, explaining that he would prefer to have the Joint Committee on Communications provide assistance and guidelines for the use of free radio and television time already available to churches in many communities. Walter Thompson (Southern New England) spoke in favor of the additional funds.

Patti B. Russell (Virginia) asked for information on the total amount of the Joint Committee on Communications' budget. *Mr. Drennan* referred her to Report No. 11 of the Council on Finance and Administration.

A. C. Epps (North Georgia) moved that the entire matter be referred back to the Joint Committee on Communications for study and report back to the 1980 General Conference. He spoke

in support of his motion. J. R. Kemmerly (Louisiana) spoke against it.

H. Thomas Walker (Minnesota) moved to suspend the rules in order to be able to vote the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion was adopted. *Mr. Epps'* substitute was put to a vote and was defeated. *Mr. Northfelt's* amendment was likewise defeated.

Mr. Cheyne made a final statement in behalf of his original motion.

Mr. Cheyne: Yes, we are spending money on communication to tell each other in The Methodist Church (sic) how good we are. We haven't told the world anything. Let me tell you what we propose to do with this $600,000, and we will use the free radio time. I have spent a life-time in radio.

$340,000 will be spent in developing 52 thirty-minute radio tapes entitled "United Methodists Today" and tell the world. $210,000 will be spent on press kits with features, photos, local church success stories, United Methodist Information, Social Concerns, to the secular press—we are not moving to them now. $50,000 will be spent on the ethnic-minority communications to present your programs to the world.

We are not growing in membership or financial strength because we lack vision in this Church. The business community would die without advertising to new people, and The United Methodist Church four years from now will decline if we fail to use communication as a missional arm in the broad media concept of communication. Thank you, sir.

S. Clifton Ives (Maine) raised a point of order and objected to the fact that Mr. Cheyne had been allowed a final statement; he argued that in a similar situation the previous day someone had been denied the opportunity to make a final statement after having spoken earlier in the debate. The Chair ruled against *Mr. Ives'* point of order. *Mr. Drennan* asked for the opportunity to make a final statement on behalf of the Council on Finance and Administration. The Chair ruled that, inasmuch as the motion did not come in relation to a specific report of the Council, the Council had no right to such a statement. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) raised a point of order, that Mr. Cheyne's motion was in the nature of a minority report to the report of the Council. Mr. Cheyne replied that he was representing a report of a legislative committee which the Conference had adopted at an earlier session. The Chair ruled against *Mr. Mather's* point of order.

The Assistant Secretary read the motion, and it was put to a vote. The Chair stated that it had not been approved, but members of the Conference voiced disagreement. The Chair asked for the vote to be taken a second time and ruled that the motion was adopted. Mr. Moore stated that the Committee on Financial Administration had other reports to present, but that the time allotted to it had been exhausted.

Request for Count Vote

John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois) called for a count vote on the motion to establish a Mass Communications Fund. The Chair put the call to a vote of the Conference and ruled that the Conference had sustained it. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) gave instructions for taking the vote. At the request of *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio), the Assistant Secretary read the motion.

Motion to Reconsider

J. Kenneth Forbes (South Indiana) moved to reconsider Conference action on Report No. 6 of the Council on Finance and Administration. He explained that the purpose of his motion was to be able to present a motion requesting the Council to rescind its action for payment of $1,000 to Project Equality from its contingency funds, and to release the Council "from any further proposition for financial support for Project Equality during the ensuing quadrennium." The motion to reconsider was defeated.

F. Lewis Walley (Eastern Pennsylvania) attempted to introduce a privilege motion related to Report No. 1 of the Council on Finance and Administration, but the Chair ruled that the motion he sought to introduce did not qualify as a matter of high privilege.

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Hodapp, chairman of the committee, called on *Thomas A. Langford* (Western North Carolina) for the presentation of reports from the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry.

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, Report No. 28, Calendar No. 298 (see page 1455)

Dr. Langford presented the report, entitled "Consideration of Applicants for Ordination," and explained that it dealt with the issue of ordination of professed homosexuals. He noted that the report was in two parts: first, a recommendation of nonconcurrence with a number of petitions dealing with the subject, and second, a resolution prepared by the committee. He suggested that these two parts be considered separately and moved approval of the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence with the petitions. The motion was adopted (see page 1455).

Dr. Langford then moved concurrence with the committee's resolution, which was also a part of the report. *J. Chess Lovern* (Oklahoma) moved to amend the resolution by deleting the last three sentences, beginning with the words, "The United Methodist Church has moved away . . ." He spoke in support of

his amendment. *Alice G. Morrison* (Oregon-Idaho) attempted to move a substitute for the amendment, but the Chair ruled that her substitute was related to a different part of the resolution than the amendment and was therefore not in order. *Gordon G. Thompson* (North Georgia) spoke in opposition to the amendment. Carroll H. Long (Holston) attempted to speak against it, but the Chair ruled that a speech in favor was required first.

Paul J. Beeman (Pacific Northwest) asked to hear the amendment *Ms. Morrison* had sought to introduce. The Chair reiterated his ruling that it would not be in order at this time.

Erwin H. Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) moved to defer action on *Mr. Lovern's* amendment until *Ms. Morrison's* amendment was heard. After clarifying the intent of Mr. Schwiebert's motion to defer, the Chair put it to a vote and ruled that it was defeated. *Charles White* (Assistant Secretary) observed that the Chair had not called for the negative vote on the motion to defer. The vote was taken again, and the motion to defer was defeated.

Emerson S. Colaw (West Ohio) asked the Chair to clarify the parliamentary situation. The Chair explained that the Conference was ready to vote on *Mr. Lovern's* amendment, and the Assistant Secretary read it. *Mr. Colaw* moved to amend the amendment to provide that only the one sentence ("The United Methodist Church has moved away from prohibitions of specific acts, for such prohibitions can be endless") would be deleted. *Mr. Lovern* accepted *Mr. Colaw's* amendment.

Sam P. McConnell (Holston) raised a point of order, that Carroll H. Long (Holston) had been promised the floor at an appropriate time, but that he had not yet been recognized. The Chair replied that the parliamentary situation had not developed in such a way as to permit Mr. Long's statement to be in order. *Mr. Lovern's* amendment, as amended by *Mr. Colaw,* was put to a vote and was adopted.

The Chair recognized Mr. Long, but Mr. Long indicated that he had wanted to speak in favor of the legislative committee language and that the time for that had now passed. Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia) objected that Mr. Long was debating a matter which had been decided, and the Chair agreed.

Dr. Langford's motion to concur in the resolution was put to a vote and was adopted. *Dr. Langford* suggested that the Conference should now vote to adopt the report as a whole. *Sharon Brown Christopher* (Wisconsin) asked if an amendment to the report would be in order at this time, and the Chair ruled that it would be. She moved to amend the report by deleting the third paragraph from the end, beginning with the words, "In the Social Principles . . ."

C. Dale White (Southern New England) raised a point of order, that the last vote the Conference had taken was on the resolution, and that *Ms. Christopher's* amendment was therefore not in order. The Assistant Secretary made a statement regarding the parliamentary situation. The Chair ruled that, as long as the report as a whole had not been adopted and there was no motion for the previous question, the amendment was in order. *Ms. Christopher* spoke in support of her amendment. *Albert C. Outler* (North Texas) spoke against it. Richard P. Meredith (Little Rock) asked a question about the intended purpose of the resolution. Robert Albrecht (Northern Illinois) raised a point of order, that the item before the Conference had been defeated in the committee. *Dr. Langford* stated that Mr. Albrecht must be referring to the amendment, inasmuch as the report had the full support of the legislative committee.

David A. Seamands (Kentucky) raised a point of order, that the language proposed for deletion was the basis on which the Conference had voted nonconcurrence with the petitions. The Chair ruled that that did not preclude consideration of the amendment. Kathy LaPoint (California-Nevada) spoke in support of the amendment. Roy E. Blessing (West Virginia) spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.

Report No. 28 was adopted (see page 1455).

Report on Count Vote on Mass Communications Fund

The Chair announced the results of the count vote on the motion to establish a Mass Communications Fund (see above, page 498): Yes, 557; No, 367. The motion was adopted (see pages 496, 543).

Recess

The Chair called for the Conference to be in recess for fifteen minutes. Following the recess, *Carlton R. Young* led in the singing of the spiritual, "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian."

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Hodapp called on *G. Ross Freeman* (South Georgia) for the presentation of reports from the Legislative Committee on Council on Ministries.

Committee on Council on Ministries, Report No. 38, Calendar No. 537

Mr. Freeman presented the report, which was on the subject, "Study of the Christian Faith and Human Sexuality." He stated

that there was also a minority report to be presented in connection with this item (see pages 1812-1813).

Mr. Freeman: These two reports sharpen the issues for us, and I think that it might expedite discussion and enable us to come to a little clearer understanding of where we are. I believe that the house needs to understand that we had about 1,400 petitions asking for the General Conference to refuse consideration of a Study of Human Sexuality. Now a study of these petitions shows that they indicate the misunderstanding about the whole matter. It's difficult for the general church member to grasp the nuances of difference between Social Principles, legislation, on the other hand, and calls for a study on another hand. Our church members saw that the call for the study was supported by the same groups who were supporting other things in which they disagreed, and so they wanted to deny us the right, the opportunity, to deal with it.

However, the number of petitions reflects the concern of the Church about this issue. If we disregard this warning from our people, we are not being faithful to our stewardship. On the other hand we have a responsibility for leadership. Leaders have to know what people think. Leaders have to test ideas, leaders have to have holds, but leaders also have to chart a course into a reasonable and an intelligent future.

Here at this General Conference we have the advantage of perspective and information which others do not have. We cannot simply refuse to act because the question is explosive. Neither can we be irresponsible and pretend that the local church has not spoken. We need to think the matter through calmly, refuse to be stampeded in any direction and plan what we think is best.

The Church is not now nor has it ever been afraid of the truth. What it objects to is propaganda from a particular point of view in the guise of a study. Now my cowardice says let's not have it. My heart says that we need the biblical and theological insights of Christianity to instruct the widely disseminated information about sex which sociological and psychological and pornographic writers are making available to our people.

But my mind says that we do not have the resources to budget much money for it, so we have to plan within the limitations of our existing situation.

Mr. Freeman indicated that the report was a composite and a rewriting of proposals from the General Council on Ministries, the Women's Division, the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the Board of Discipleship, and the work of one of the subcommittees of the legislative committee. He outlined the contents of the report.

Report No. 38 (Minority Report), Calendar No. 538

Mr. Freeman called on *John N. Grenfell* (Detroit) for the presentation of the minority report. *Mr. Grenfell* spoke of the reasons for submitting a minority report and outlined its provisions.

Mr. Grenfell: First, it authorizes the General Council on Ministries to provide an inventory of resources. These resources are to be collected from all agencies of the Church and from all significant disciplines of our society. Therefore, it is quite inclusive of the scope of consideration that we want this subject to have.

Secondly, it challenges the local church to study, but it leaves it a matter of

choice, and I think that we have long learned that when a church owns a particular study, it is much more beneficial to them.

Third, it suggests that the study move to ministry, and that, of course, is the real task of the Church.

The fourth thing the minority report does, it eliminates a cost factor and calls the General Council on Ministries to adjust, if you will, to reprioritize its time, its energy, and work out a schedule by which they can provide us with this inventory for study. I encourage you to seriously consider the minority report as a means of listening to the Church and hearing what they are trying to say to us. Thank you.

Report No. 38—Debate and Consideration

The Chair made a statement regarding the procedure which would be followed in considering the majority and minority reports. He called for the perfecting of the majority report.

J. Melvin Brawn (California-Nevada): I have had the privilege of serving as a delegate to three General Conferences. I believe this issue is one of the most important issues facing the life of the Church in any of these four General Conferences, and it's potentially the most divisive.

Bishop Stuart has established and appointed a committee in the California-Nevada Conference to deal with ministerial work loads. I am privileged to serve as its chairperson. It will deal broadly with issues, such as work loads, ministerial effectiveness, salary, retirement, and appointability. The one key provision is accountability.

Now on this proposal on the sexuality study there are no clear evidences of accountability. During the discussion in the legislative committee the statement was made that this proposal would still allow them to do what they desired to do. The individuals recommending the study would like this General Conference to give birth to the committee, sprinkle it with holy water, and then let it run free to do whatever it wants. To whom will it be accountable? My second concern deals with the parameters of the study. Sexuality is no small issue and may be as big as all of life.

The Chair interrupted Mr. Brawn to inquire whether he intended to propose an amendment to the majority report. Mr. Brawn replied that his comments were in the nature of debate on the majority and minority reports, and the Chair ruled that he was in order to continue.

Mr. Brawn: How broad will the study be? Will the sexuality claim of reference be the broad base of middle America or will it be the avant-garde's sexual position promoted by Cecil Williams in the Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco?

The third point is, by what criteria will we test the findings? We must be able to trust its validity before it becomes part of the Christian witness in the world. Will the criteria of our quadrilateral principle in our doctrinal standards be imposed? Is it biblical? Is it faithful to the Methodist tradition? Is it faithful to Christian experience? And is it faithful to reason?

In the absence of an objective means of selecting the personnel and in the absence of adequate accountability, I urge you all to support the minority report to allow the local churches to study sexuality. Let's make a positive impact on the life of the Church.

James A. Wert (Wyoming) moved to amend the majority report by adding a new sentence after the fourth paragraph of the resolution, the new sentence to read as follows: "It shall confer with similar task forces and study groups in other denominations and ecumenical bodies where they exist, so as to achieve as comprehensive and objective report as possible." *Mr. Wert* spoke in support of the amendment, and it was accepted by the committee.

Justin N. Harris (Bombay) spoke in opposition to the majority report. James M. Bell (Tennessee) moved to table the report. The Chair pointed out that the effect of the motion, if adopted, would be to table the entire issue, and Mr. Bell replied that that was his intention. The motion to table was defeated.

Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (Western Pennsylvania) moved to amend the majority report by inserting the words "the family" in the first paragraph of the resolution and in the title, immediately after the word "faith." He spoke in support of the amendment. Lois Olson (Wisconsin) spoke against it. Charles H. Stewart, III (Florida) asked a question about the amendment, and the Assistant Secretary responded.

Walter D. Krech (Central Illinois) moved the suspension of the rules in order to be able to vote on the majority report. A discussion ensued between *Mr. Krech* and the Chair as to the effect of *Mr. Krech's* motion on subsequent consideration of the majority and minority reports.

Louise Branscomb (North Alabama) questioned whether the motion as stated by Mr. Blackstone and as read by the Assistant Secretary were the same. The Assistant Secretary acknowledged that the amendment as submitted in writing was slightly different from Mr. Blackstone's oral statement of it. Mr. Blackstone indicated that the wording read by the Assistant Secretary was accurate.

The Chair made a statement regarding the parliamentary situation and attempted to put Mr. Blackstone's amendment to a vote. The Assistant Secretary called his attention to the fact that the motion to suspend the rules had not been put to a vote. The motion to suspend the rules was voted and adopted. Mr. Blackstone's amendment was then defeated.

Keith I. Pohl (West Michigan) asked whether an amendment to the majority report would be in order; the Chair replied that it was in order. He moved to amend the resolution, the second paragraph, the second sentence, so that the last portion of the sentence would read as follows: "changes facing the family unit; premarital and extramarital sexual relations; male/female role stereotyping; homosexuality; and such other concerns as may be

appropriate to Christian understanding of human sexuality."

John E. Stumbo (Kansas East) raised a point of order, stating that it was his understanding that *Mr. Krech's* motion to suspend the rules had been intended to bring the process of perfecting the majority report to a close. The Assistant Secretary explained that the Chair had ruled that the motion applied only to closing debate on Mr. Blackstone's amendment. Mr. Stumbo reiterated his point of order, but the Chair ruled against it.

Mr. Pohl: I had the privilege of chairing the Task Force that negotiated and rewrote the resolution that is before you. When it was introduced to the legislative subcommittee I found myself among the minority resisting changes in that resolution. I have no great crusade for the cause of the Study of Human Sexuality or for premarital, extramarital sexual relations or homosexuality.

But I do have deep concern about the integrity of this General Conference. The present motion before you, the resolution as written, does permit a study of homosexuality under the broad category of other concerns. This to me is smacking of cover-up, deceit, and the Watergate syndrome that we all abhor. Either we face the question of homosexuality squarely and honestly before our people, or we do not cover it up by some sort of amorphous language. Also I feel that if we are to have a study on human sexuality it becomes necessary to be true to the study itself. Lastly, it seems to me that an issue that is of this importance needs to be faced squarely and honestly by the total assembly of this General Conference, therefore, I move the amendment.

Blaine E. Taylor (Southern New England): I think I probably do want to vote, but I do want to speak against the amendment and for the minority report in three ways. First place, I am against this amendment because I think it does not recognize the facts as we have them in this country. In the last four years since we met the last time, there have been more than 4,000 books published representing studies in individual and conference studies in the area of sexuality. To think that any study of the Methodist Church would add fundamentally to the vast, vast amount of knowledge that we have on this subject it seems to me is naive.

Secondly, I am again and again puzzled by the attempt to solve with sociological information a theological question. It seems to me that those of us who are willing to study any area of sexuality must not try to confuse these two very precise academic disciplines. And thirdly, I feel that the most Watergate syndrome that we could do in this church is to ignore the great discussion that has been abound in this church for the last year. Each one of us comes as a result of that discussion. If we have integrity we are not afraid of study, but personally I am afraid of spending the dollars of this Church duplicating what has been in the secular community and also adding to this church an issue that will dominate issues far more important in the four years to come.

R. E. Kimbrough (North Alabama) moved to suspend the rules in order to be able to vote on the amendment and on the majority report. The Chair stated that he understood this as a motion to close the debate, and the motion was adopted. *Mr. Pohl's* amendment was defeated. The Chair asked if the Conference was ready to cease perfecting the majority report, and it was done by vote of the Conference.

Report No. 38 (Minority Report)—Debate and Consideration (see pages 1813-1814)

The Chair called for the perfecting of the minority report. *Roy C. Clark* (Tennessee) asked a parliamentary question; the Chair responded.

Emerson S. Colaw (West Ohio) moved a substitution for the minority report as printed, the substitution to consist of Committee on Discipleship Report No. 74 (see page 1410), plus the third paragraph from the majority report which had just been perfected. *Mr. Freeman* reported that the chairman of the Legislative Committee on Discipleship had stated that the additional paragraph from the majority report was supposed to have been included in the Discipleship committee's report but had been omitted from the printing by error. *Mr. Freeman* and the Assistant Secretary explained the effect of *Mr. Colaw's* substitution. J. Melvin Brawn (California-Nevada) raised a point of order; the Chair responded. Wesley Bailey (Western North Carolina), chairman of the Legislative Committee on Discipleship, made a statement of explanation regarding material omitted from the printing of his committee's Report No. 74.

John E. Stumbo (Kansas East) opposed the substitute and supported the minority report. Everett R. Jones (Baltimore) raised a point of order, that the proposed substitute was not related to the minority report. The Chair replied that a substitute does not have to be germane. *William O. Walker* (Oregon-Idaho) spoke against the substitute. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) observed that on the last three motions there had been seven speeches against the motions and none in support of them, except those made by the makers of the motions. Foy Campbell (Alabama-West Florida) asked a question about the contents of the petitions related to these reports; *Mr. Freeman* responded. Theressa Hoover (New York) attempted to speak against the substitute, but the Chair ruled that a speech in favor of it was required by the rules.

Joe B. Dekle (North Georgia) moved to suspend the rules in order to be able to vote on all that was before the Conference with reference to the minority report. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. *Mr. Colaw* raised a point of order and sought to clarify the fact that the substitute he had proposed did not include any financial provisions. The previous question was voted. The Assistant Secretary read *Mr. Colaw's* substitute. *Lester L. Moore* (Iowa) asked whether the substitute included provision for financing a study in the amount of $58,000; the Assistant Secretary replied that it did not. Wesley Bailey (Western North Carolina) moved to suspend the rules for the

purpose of correcting Report No. 74 of the Committee on Discipleship by adding material approved by the committee but omitted from the printed report. The Chair ruled that the motion was not in order at this time. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) reported that there was material in the original copy of the Discipleship report which was not printed, but that this material could not now be before the Conference. The Assistant Secretary again read the substitute. *Ralph B. Huston* (Florida) asked for clarification as to which paragraph from the majority report of the Council on Ministries committee (Calendar No. 537) was included in the substitute. The Assistant Secretary stated that it was the paragraph beginning with the words, "The study will seek to interpret the theological . . ." The substitute was defeated. The Chair asked if the Conference wished to bring to a close the perfecting of the minority report, and the Conference voted to do so.

John N. Grenfell (Detroit) made a final statement in behalf of the minority position. Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania) made the final statement on behalf of the majority report. Polly Gramling (South Carolina) asked for information about the procedure for voting for no study at all. *Mr. Freeman* and Paul Hardin (Northern New Jersey) responded. By vote of the Conference the minority report (Calendar No. 538) was substituted for the majority report (Calendar No. 537) (see page 1813 and below, page 509).

The Chair put the report as substituted to a final vote and ruled that it had been approved. Members of the Conference disagreed, and a count vote was authorized. The Secretary gave instructions for taking the count vote. When the votes had been collected, the Chair declared the voting closed.

Procedural Motion

The Chair made a statement about the pace at which the Conference was proceeding with its business. *C. W. Hancock* (South Georgia) moved to suspend Rule 23, so that the process would be that when a majority and a minority report were before the Conference, the Conference would first perfect the minority report; if the minority report is not then substituted for the majority report, the Conference would then proceed to perfect the majority report and to vote on it. Kenneth Cooper (Alabama-West Florida) asked a question about the effect of the motion, and the Chair replied that he did not know the answer. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. *Mr. Hancock* repeated his motion related to the proposed procedure. *Mr. Hodapp* (Chairman, Committee on Calendar) observed that the

proposed procedure would be prejudicial in favor of minority reports. *Mr. Hancock's* motion was defeated.

Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

Douglas F. Verdin (New York), chairman of the Committee on Agenda, stated that there was an order of the day at this time calling for a report of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio), chairman of the committee, presented the report.

Mr. Cromwell presented a proposed change in Plan of Organization VI, B, 2; the committee recommendation was to delete the words "and Central Conferences" from the first sentence, to delete "1283" from the parenthesized list of paragraph numbers, and to add a new second sentence, to read as follows: "Petitions relating to Central Conferences shall be referred to the Committee on Central Conferences (sic) (*Discipline*, Par. 1283)." He explained that the proposed change was a result of a consultation between the committee and the Commission on Central Conference Affairs and that it was intended to avoid double assignment of petitions related to Central Conferences. He noted that the change would require a two-thirds vote of approval. The proposed change was adopted (see page 168).

Mr. Cromwell presented a proposed amendment to Plan of Organization V, by which a new second sentence would be inserted in the third paragraph of the section. The new sentence would read, "It shall further advise the General Conference delegates in advance of all such special events and orders of the day, the dates and times of which have been determined prior to the opening of General Conference, in order that the delegates may have an overview of the General Conference program." The recommendation was adopted (see page 161).

Mr. Cromwell presented the following three committee recommendations: (1) a request to authorize the editor of the 1976 General Conference Journal to edit the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the purpose of removing sexist language; (2) a request to authorize the committee to harmonize paragraph numbers with the new numbering which would appear in the 1976 *Book of Discipline;* and (3) a request to authorize the committee "to determine the number and responsibilities of the legislative committees for the 1980 General Conference." *Mr. Cromwell* explained that the committee would be in contact with those who had served as legislative committee chairpersons at this Conference and would also be assisted by the delegates' evaluation

forms in relation to its work on the legislative committees. The three recommendations were approved.

Mr. Cromwell then presented a committee recommendation that it be granted "authority to determine the responsibilities of the Standing Administrative Committees." He stressed that this would not be authority to change the number of these committees. The recommendation was approved.

Mr. Cromwell then called attention to a proposed change in a disciplinary provision governing the effective date of legislation adopted by the General Conference; the change had been printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and was recommended by the General Council on Ministries. *Mr. Cromwell* explained that his committee wished to propose a change in this recommendation, in order to be consistent with Rule 38, and that the change had been discussed with the chairman of the Committee on Conferences. The change would cause the proposed new Par. 611 to read as follows: "Legislation passed by the 1976 General Conference becomes effective immediately throughout the entire church, except as otherwise provided (Par. 652). Legislation passed by the 1980 General Conference and all following General Conferences becomes effective January 1 following the adjournment of each General Conference throughout the entire church, except as otherwise provided." He explained that he was not asking for action on this recommendation at this time, but had presented it in order to have it before the Conference when the Legislative Committee on Conferences makes its report on this item.

Nominations by Council of Bishops

Mr. Verdin, Committee on Agenda, called for the presentation of nominations from the Council of Bishops. Bishop Mathews explained that the nominations were for persons to be the United Methodist representatives at the Conference of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas, meeting next week, and at the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico, which will meet in 1979. For the former the nominees were Martha S. Ross (Baltimore) and *Joseph B. Bethea* (Western North Carolina). They were elected by vote of the Conference.

Inasmuch as the Mexican General Conference was not to meet until 1979, Bishop Mathews asked the Conference to authorize the Council of Bishops to appoint representatives at a later time, in accordance with Pars. 1097.8 and 1289. The authority was granted by vote of the Conference.

Committee on Council on Ministries, Report No. 38, Calendar No. 538—Result of Vote

J. B. Holt (Secretary) announced that by a count vote of 477-446 Report No. 38, Calendar No. 538 was adopted (see above, page 506).

Motion of Reference

Lester L. Moore (Iowa) moved reference of the following to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order: amend Plan of Organization VI, A, 1, *(c)*, by addition of two new sentences which read as follows: "The Committee shall have the power to allocate specific time limits for agenda items; when the time limit has expired, the Conference shall vote on the item before it. Procedures may be developed to insure a fair hearing on controversial issues." The matter was referred by vote of the Conference.

Adjournment

Bishop Golden expressed appreciation to Bishops Allen and Choy for assisting him in the task of presiding. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) read announcements. Bishop L. Scott Allen, Holston Area, offered the closing prayer, and the session was adjourned.

TENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1976
AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening—Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr.

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the afternoon session of the tenth day, Friday, May 7, 1976, at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Nashville Area, presiding. The hymn, "Rejoice, the Lord is King," was sung, followed by a prayer of invocation by Bishop Prince Albert Taylor, Jr., New Jersey Area.

Committee on Agenda

Douglas F. Verdin (New York), chairman of the committee, called on Helen Fannings (Northern Illinois), chairwoman of the Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, for a report.

Committee on Courtesies and Privileges

Mrs. Fannings explained that the committee had a matter of courtesy which required the suspension of the rules, and she moved that they be suspended. The motion was adopted. She introduced Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy, Seattle Area.

Bishop Choy presented *A. Dudley Ward,* retiring general secretary of the Board of Church and Society.

Bishop Choy: He was founding General Secretary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations of the former Methodist Church, in 1953. At the time he was the youngest general secretary of the Church. When the board joined with the Board of World Peace and the Board of Temperance to form the Board of Christian Social Concerns in 1960, he was one of the associate general secretaries, heading up the Division of Social and Economic Relations and assumed the general secretaryship in 1963. He remained as chief executive with the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church and the change of name of the agency to the Board of Church and Society.

As the chief executive he has been able to attract an outstanding staff and keep them, maintain an underfunded board in the black and yet, on the cutting edge of the issues which confront us as a church and as a society, and developed a coalition and strategies between our board and other religious and secular groups.

Dudley may be known as a social activist and unapologetically one, but he is also deeply involved in developing the spiritual life and in the healing ministries through prayer. This was a ministry he shared with his wife, Alice, and he continued in it after her death in 1969. Dudley is a ministerial member of the New York Conference and was a business executive before entering the ministry as a clergyman. Before serving on our board and its predecessors he was Director of Economic Studies of the Federal, or the former Federal and now the National, Council of Churches.

He has authored several books, written numerous articles, edited two sets of reference works. For this quarter of a century of labor and leadership in denominational and ecumenical agencies of social action, bringing the gospel of Christ to bear on the issues of the day and offering the reconciling and healing ministry of Christ to the alienated and the wounded members of society and sensitizing all of us to the needs of this kind of ministry by Dr. Dudley Ward, I hope that you will express to him the gratitude of the Church and grant him the floor for some remarks.

A. Dudley Ward: Mr. Chairman and members of the General Conference, it is a great pleasure for me to stand before you at this crucial time in my life and in the life of the Church. I express my thanks through the General Conference to the entire Church for the opportunity to serve these many years in a ministry unique, completely engrossing, which has demanded my total energies and all of the talents which I might have. The Church has afforded me the great privilege of moving across the connection—national and internationally—to relate the gospel in a very special way to the crucible of history.

I am extremely grateful for having served with many distinguished bishops of the Church as officers of the boards, with lay and clergy members from across our Church in ways that are stimulating and for many upsetting, but for most, finding the expression of our faith. To a staff of colleagues who have joined me during these years in working diligently and without reserve, I am very grateful and express my thanks to them. It is my opportunity now to reflect on all the things that have happened and to with joy transfer this tremendous opportunity in the Church to a very close friend, Dr. George Outen, whom you have heard and seen and know very well–a friend of many years who brings distinguished capacities to this office. He inherits a board which is strong in finance and structure and in staff with the unique opportunities to minister in a very special way, and I do pray that as he takes leadership you will respond to him in the best way possible. We have a tremendous opportunity in The United Methodist Church, having the largest single social action unit in any church anywhere in the world.

And so for this opportunity I express my thanks to the Church, to the General Conference. I hope that we will maintain this ministry, this witness. We have before us an opportunity unparalleled. God bless us all and especially bless you. Thank you.

Mrs. Fannings asked that *Irving A. Marsland, Jr.* (New York) be recognized for a resolution of appreciation.

Mr. Marsland: Bishop and members of the Conference, the New York Annual Conference requests the high privilege of expressing to this General Conference its pride in and appreciation to Ralph M. Houston, one of its members, who retires at this session of the General Conference as president of the Judicial Council. He has served on Methodism's "supreme court" for 18 years, 1952 through 1960, and 1966 through 1976; four of those years as secretary and the last four as president.

He has brought to the Council the erudition, clear thinking, sensitivity and concern for the Church of Christ called United Methodist that he articulated with integrity in the pulpit and practiced in the exercise of pastoral responsibility.

As recipients of his wisdom and grace through the Judicial Council, we are a stronger church. As participants in the warmth of his fellowship, we are enriched. We invite the members of this General Conference to concur in this expression of appreciation.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Fannings presented a final resolution of appreciation for the services of many persons during the Conference.

Mrs. Fannings: To our Local Committee and host Conference, for your successful efforts to prepare this place for all of us and to anticipate our needs, especially to the six district United Methodist Women who provided nourishment for our bodies each morning; to the Commission on the General Conference whose ten working committees anticipated our every need and brought success and order to our lives. Your job was exceedingly well done.

To our worship leaders and guest choirs, you have brought a dimension to our worship experiences that made this coliseum a beautiful sanctuary for special encounter with God.

To our special guests, Dr. Potter and Bishop Carvalho, your expressions eliminated the vast number of miles between us and enabled us to celebrate our common spirit and oneness in Christ.

To our beloved Council of Bishops, who ably served as our leaders of Episcopal Areas who had voices these two weeks but no vote. Thank you for being who you are and for the assistance and the patience that you have shown in this Conference. We thank you for your humanness and your very special gifts, for your conscientious efforts to create an atmosphere in which all sides of the issues could be heard, though in some instances the pain came after the decision.

To our overseas bishops and presidents we especially appreciate your presence, your concern that you bring to share. Our love and God's traveling mercies are with you as you return to your own countries. A very fond farewell to our bishops who are assuming new roles in retirement. You will always be a part of us as we are a part of you, and a very special relationship will continue forever.

To persons who have separated from this fellowship because of illness, the illness of loved ones and finally the eternal separation of loved ones, our prayers and concern remain with you forever as we go our separate ways. We ask for God's grace and mercy to follow you the rest of your days.

To the Editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Dr. Roger Burgess, and his efficient, gracious staff, who worked far beyond the call of duty to do whatever was necessary to get all the information in your hands, to accomodate decision-making.

To the legislative committees and the standing committees, the chairpersons, the vice-chairpersons, and the secretaries, for endless hours. We thank you for creating an instant community where individuals could share their feelings and their varied opinions on the subject and decisions that will soon become the law of our church. Your nights and days were long and we are aware of that.

We are appreciative to Portland for the size of the Coliseum—though space was ample, even our heated debates did not always keep our bodies warm. Perhaps they were not aware that we would not be as active as the athletes who frequently use this facility.

If we by chance have missed a group or allowed special kindness to go unmentioned, it is not because we are unappreciative, but it is time does not permit us to say all those things that we would say. It is because time does not permit us to name each of you one by one.

And finally, we would offer one humble suggestion for the next General Conference. If possible, it would be helpful to have persons to serve on this committee who have previously had experience with Courtesies and Privileges. Therefore, we would, perhaps, eliminate some of the errors that we made.

Mrs. Fannings expressed appreciation to the committee members (see page 19) and to Bishop Finis Crutchfield, Louisiana Area, for serving in an advisory role to the committee.

Committees on Agenda, Calendar

Mr. Verdin, Committee on Agenda, called for consideration of calendar items. *Leroy C. Hodapp* (South Indiana), Committee on Calendar, made a statement regarding the work which had been accomplished at the morning session and the reports remaining to be heard. He called for presentation of calendar item reports from the Legislative Committee on Discipleship, Wesley Bailey (Western North Carolina), chairman.

Procedural Matters

Kenneth Cooper (Alabama-West Florida) sought to offer a substitute related to a report which had been considered at the morning session, but the Chair stated that action had been completed on the matter and that the substitute would not be in order.

Robert E. Knupp (Central Pennsylvania) moved that the rules be suspended, that all debate on forthcoming legislation be eliminated, and that the Conference act immediately on all pending legislation. He spoke in support of his motion, but the motion to suspend the rules was defeated.

F. Rossing Smith (West Virginia) moved that the Conference consider first only those agenda items that would change the *Discipline. Mr. Smith* spoke in support of his motion. *Mr. Hodapp,* Committee on Calendar, spoke against it. The motion was defeated.

Committee on Discipleship; Report Nos. 23, 75; Calendar Nos. 539, 1026 (see pages 1353-1377, 1411-1413)

Mr. Bailey explained that the Conference, at an earlier session, had already acted on that portion of Report No. 23 dealing with the National Youth Ministry Organization. He noted that the report, as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate,* was in the form of amendments to proposed legislation for the Board of Discipleship which had been printed in an advance edition of the *DCA.* Mr. Bailey then called attention to Report No. 75, explaining that the committee was recommending the material found there as the new legislation relating to men's work, and that this was a substantive change in what had been printed as Par. 1321.4 in the advance edition. He stated that with these two items before it, the Conference could consider the Board of Discipleship legislation as a complete package. He called on Joe Pevahouse (Memphis) for presentation of Report No. 75.

Mr. Pevahouse: This is in reference to men's work within our Church. We received, in the legislative committee, several petitions asking for a Division of Men's Work.

We considered this, we considered leaving the lay work where it was, or lifting it up and giving it a higher area of visibility within the Division of Lay Life and Work.

The choice of the committee was to give it this visibility, lifting it up within the Division of Lay Life and Work. There is a little ambiguity in the first part of the petition where it says the division.

If you read there, this is referring to the Division of Lay Life and Work. It would read better in your own mind if you would think of, "The Division of Lay Life and Work in the area of men's work shall have the following functions." These functions are lifted up there fairly well for you to see.

Mr. Pevahouse outlined the contents of the proposed legislation.

J. Edgar Rowe (Virginia) moved to amend Report No. 75 in two places: (1) amend the first sentence to read, "A Division of Men's Work shall have the following functions:"; (2) amend proposed Par. 1323.1c to read, "Promote the charter and affiliation of local church men's fellowships with the National Association of United Methodist Men through each annual conference organization of United Methodist Men."

Mr. Rowe spoke in support of his amendment. James F. W. Talley (Baltimore) asked whether the first part of the amendment provided for the creation of a division at the general church level. *Charles D. White* (Assistant Secretary) cited the second part of the amendment as submitted by Mr. Rowe. Mr. Talley asked again about the first part of the amendment; *Mr. White* responded. Mr. Talley explained that, as Mr. Pevahouse had explained it, he understood the committee report to refer to the existing Division of Lay Life and Work, but that he had understood Mr. Rowe's amendment to call for the establishment of a new division. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) confirmed that Mr. Rowe's amendment as he had stated it had called for a new division, but that this was not in the written form of the motion. Mr. Talley replied that if the matter of a new division was not before the Conference, he did not wish to speak.

Walter N. Kalaf (Florida) stated that he understood the legislative committee language to call for a new division and asked whether this would require additional money. *Mr. White* read the first part of Mr. Rowe's amendment and noted that there was, after all, a change in wording from the committee's version. Mr. Pevahouse explained again that, in the legislative committee's language, the words "the division" refer to the existing Division of Lay Life and Work. The Chair asked to hear the amendment again and ruled that it did call for a new division to be established; he recognized Mr. Talley for a statement. Robert G. Mayfield (Kentucky) stated that the purpose of the language was to change only the name, but not to create a new division. The Chair replied that Mr. Rowe had clarified with the

Secretary that he intended for a new division to be created. Mr. Talley spoke in opposition to the creation of a new division.

Willie B. Clay (Northern Illinois) moved to suspend the rules in order to vote on Report No. 75. The motion was adopted. The Chair called for the vote on Mr. Rowe's amendment, and it was defeated. Report No. 75 was adopted (see page 1411).

Mr. Bailey explained that Report No. 23 was now before the Conference. *Jim Beal* (North Arkansas) stated that Report No. 23 had been adopted at an earlier session; Mr. Bailey reiterated that the previous consideration of this report had been confined to the portion dealing with youth ministry. Report No. 23 was adopted (see page 1353).

Report No. 29, Calendar No. 564

Mr. Bailey called on Fletcher Carter (South Carolina) for presentation of the report. Mr. Carter explained that the report was in the form of committee amendments to a document presented earlier to the Conference under the title, "Guidelines, The United Methodist Church and the Charismatic Movement." He presented the proposed amendments. Report No. 29 was adopted (see page 1388).

Report No. 74, Calendar No. 926

Mr. Bailey presented the report, which dealt with a quadrennial study of family life. Mr. Bailey stated that a portion of the report had been omitted in printing, and that the omitted portion requested the Council on Finance and Administration to recommend funding in support of the study for a total amount of $58,000 for the quadrennium. The Chair stated that, unless there was objection, the funding request would be included in the report. *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) asked a question regarding the funding request; Mr. Bailey responded. *Paul A. Duffey* (Alabama-West Florida) expressed the opinion that the Conference had already voted on this report and had rejected it. Mr. Bailey explained that an attempt had been made to substitute the language of this report for another report, and that it was that motion which had been defeated. The report was put to a vote and was defeated (see page 1410).

Report No. 58, Calendar No. 910

Mr. Bailey moved adoption of the report, which was on the subject, "Supplemental Contemporary Hymnal." The Chair put the report to a vote and ruled that it was adopted. *Ernest W. Lee* (Southern New Jersey) observed that the report contained a sentence which read, "The project shall be adequately funded by

General Conference." He objected to the fact that this had not been called to the Conference's attention in the presentation of the report.

Mr. Bailey explained the committee's purpose in making this report. Patti B. Russell (Virginia) moved to amend the report by substituting the word "recommend" for "mandate" in the first sentence after "General Conference." She spoke in support of her amendment. The amendment was adopted.

George E. Naff, Jr. (Holston) asked a question regarding the anticipated financing of the project. Mr. Bailey responded that it was the committee's understanding that, if approved, the matter would have to be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration.

Rebecca K. Barger (Baltimore) moved to amend the report by deleting the sentence dealing with the funding of the project. She explained that it was her understanding that when an item such as this is developed, it is published by the United Methodist Publishing House, and that it is then sold at a cost set by the Publishing House, and that there should then be no reason for the General Conference to include a budget item for its development. The amendment was adopted.

Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania) expressed the view that the proposed hymnal supplement would be of great benefit to ethnic minority local churches and asked whether its cost might come from the Missional Priorities Fund. Mr. Bailey responded that he did not know. The Chair stated that the suggestion would be placed in the record of the General Conference.

Thomas L. Cromwell (East Ohio) spoke in support of the report. *J. Kenneth Forbes* (South Indiana) moved the suspension of the rules in order to be able to vote the previous question on all before the Conference. The Chair asked if the Conference was ready to move to a vote on Report No. 58 without suspending the rules, and there was no objection. Report No. 58 was adopted as amended (see page 1406).

Legislative Committee on Church and Society

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Church and Society, John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairman.

Report No. 31, Calendar No. 392 (see page 1154)

Mr. Stumbo called for consideration of Report No. 31, a "Resolution on Health, Welfare, and Human Development." Max W. Kreager (Iowa) raised a point of order in relation to this report and the manner in which Report No. 47 (Calendar No.

895) had subsequently been brought before the Conference. He stated that Report No. 47, entitled "Health Care Resolution," was basically the same content and material as Section IV, entitled "Health Care," in Report No. 31. His point of order was that Report No. 47, under the rules of the Conference, should have been treated as a minority report to Section IV of Report No. 31.

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Stumbo explained the sequence of events in the legislative committee. He stated that, following committee action on Report No. 31, another petition had been re-referred to the Committee on Church and Society, and that Report No. 47 was the result of action on that petition. While large sections of the two blocks of material were identical, there were also significant differences between them. This had been caused by the fact that the committee had been so evenly divided on certain issues that it had voted differently when considering Report No. 47 than it had earlier when considering Report No. 31. The result was that the two reports were, at some points, contradictory. Mr. Stumbo suggested that the Conference consider Report No. 31 seriatim, and that when Section IV was reached, Report No. 47 be moved as an amendment to it. This would allow the Conference to decide between the two. He stressed that, with the committee so closely divided, his chief concern was that there be a process by which the Conference could decide the issue.

Mr. Kreager reiterated his view that Report No. 47 should be treated as a minority report. Mr. Stumbo noted that there was also a minority report, which was "identical to the difference between the two." The Chair suggested that the procedure be that outlined by Mr. Stumbo, namely, that the Conference proceed to consider Report No. 31, and that material in other calendar items related to portions of Report No. 31 be treated as amendments.

Mr. Stumbo called on *Gordon C. Goodgame* (Holston) to lead in presenting Report No. 31. *Mr. Goodgame* explained the material included in Section I, "Introduction." Section I was approved.

Mr. Goodgame presented Section II, "National Incomes Policy," pointing out what was new in the resolution in comparison with similar statements adopted by earlier General Conferences. Don Hand (Southwest Texas) moved to amend Section II by adding a new sentence at the end of the second paragraph; the new sentence would read as follows: "We, as Christians, also recognize our obligation to work with others to develop in each person an attitude of responsible stewardship of time, talent, and resources that will enable the maximum number

of families to be self-reliant and economically independent to the greatest possible extent." *Mr. Goodgame* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee.

Robert L. Taylor (North Georgia) referred to the language in Section II which listed "a guaranteed minimum annual income" as one of the "basic objectives of a strategy for economic justice." He asked whether this income was to be guaranteed by government action, or whether it was an objective toward which we strive as a standard of living.

Mr. Goodgame: I believe that this is all stated in forms of the objectives to which we'll be working. I think it would be fair to say that the intent of this group is that the government would participate in guaranteeing this level.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the statement so that it would begin, "2) strive toward a minimum annual income . . ." He spoke in support of his amendment. *William M. James* (New York) spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.

Richard P. Meredith (Little Rock) referred to the second paragraph of Section II and asked whether, in adopting this, the Conference was recommending "the doing away of the capitalistic system . . ." *Mr. Goodgame* replied that that was not what was meant by the language of the report.

William B. Grove (Western Pennsylvania) moved that the Conference refer Report No. 31 in its entirety with appreciation but without concurrence to the Board of Church and Society to be used as a study document. He spoke in support of his motion of referral. J. R. Kemmerly (Louisiana) asked whether referral would leave operative actions of the 1972 General Conference on this subject. The Chair stated that the motion had to do with referring the report before the Conference and had nothing to do with the 1972 General Conference. Mr. Kemmerly spoke in opposition to the motion to refer. *Richard S. Parker* (New York) also spoke against the motion of referral. William McPherson (Minnesota) moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving the previous question. The Chair stated that no one had spoken in favor of the motion to refer, and that opportunity should be given for such a speech before closing debate. *Roy T. Sublette* (Alabama-West Florida) spoke for the referral motion.

Mr. McPherson moved the previous question on all before the Conference. The Chair stated that he would entertain a motion on the motion to refer, but not on all before the Conference. Mr. Stumbo made a final statement on behalf of the committee against the referral motion. The motion to refer was defeated.

W. David Stedman (Western North Carolina) moved to amend

the report, Section II, by deleting the statement relating to a guaranteed minimum annual income. He spoke in support of his amendment. *N. Robert Kesler* (Southern California-Arizona) spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.

John G. Johnson (Western Pennsylvania) made a statement about the time being consumed in consideration of this report. Section II of the report was adopted as amended.

Mr. Goodgame presented Section III, "Social Welfare," and it was adopted.

Mr. Goodgame observed that Section IV, "Health Care," was the section to which Report No. 47 was related, and that there were also two minority reports (Calendar Nos. 523 and 524) related to the section. The Chair asked if the minority reports were separate from or identical to one another. Mr. Stumbo explained that the section, as it was originally presented to the legislative committee, had additional material at the end of it, numbered "10," whereas the section, as adopted by the committee, ended with a paragraph numbered "9." The two minority reports were differing versions of the paragraph 10, which had been rejected by the committee.

Report No. 47, Calendar No. 895 (see page 1158)

Mr. Stumbo moved that Report No. 47, Calendar No. 895, be substituted for Section IV of Report No. 31. He explained again that when the committee considered Report No. 31, it voted to delete the material which appears as the last three paragraphs of Report No. 47 (the paragraphs contained in the minority report which appears as Calendar No. 524). Later, in response to another petition, the committee adopted Report No. 47 and voted not to delete those paragraphs; in both instances the committee vote was very evenly divided. The paragraphs in question dealt with the method of financing health care services.

Gerald L. Downie (Central Illinois): The question I have is, are you including the private sector that we now have, or is this to become totally national health care, and if so, what of the many systems being proposed are you talking about?

Mr. Stumbo: My understanding of Par. 10 on page 613 of Calendar item 895 is that it provides for a national health care trust fund which would supersede and replace the private health care insurance industry. Now I do not understand that it replaces the private deliverers of health care, such as hospitals or doctors or that kind of thing. I understand that it is designed to be a social security type program for national health insurance to enable national health insurance, or health cost coverage, to be available for all people.

James A. Summers (Western North Carolina) moved to amend Report No. 47 by deleting the final three paragraphs, beginning with "10. A universal program to meet . . .", and ending with

". . . in their congregational life." Mr. Summers spoke in support of his amendment. *Richard D. Tholin* (Northern Illinois) spoke against it. John Chittum (East Ohio) raised a point of order, that the amendment, if adopted, would make Report No. 47 identical with Section IV of Report No. 31, and that the same end could be achieved by simply defeating Mr. Stumbo's motion to substitute. The Chair ruled that the amendment was properly before the Conference. *Blanche M. Baker* (Great Britain) sought to speak against the amendment, but the Chair ruled that a speech in favor was required at this time. Robert L. Dillard, Jr. (North Texas) spoke in favor of the amendment. *Ms. Baker* spoke in opposition to it. Mr. Summers' amendment was adopted.

J. R. Kemmerly (Louisiana) moved to amend Report No. 47 by deleting the following sentences: "We believe Walter J. McNerney, President of the Blue Cross Association, was persuasive when he said: 'Health systems are simply not self-regulating. They must be managed. To pour your money into the present system without changing that system, I think would be disastrous.' (Statement to the Senate Committee on Finance, Tuesday, April 17, 1971)." Mr. Kemmerly stated that he had been in correspondence with Mr. McNerney and had been advised that the quote, while accurate, was out of context and did not accurately reflect his position or that of the Blue Cross Association. Mr. Stumbo accepted the deletion on behalf of the committee.

Michael Watson (South Carolina) referred to the paragraph which begins, "3. No arbitrary limits. . . ," and asked a question regarding the meaning of the phrase "not only through government compulsion." *Mr. Goodgame* responded. Mr. Watson asked for more information, and *Mr. Goodgame* answered again. Mr. Watson moved to amend the paragraph by substituting "government encouragement" for "government compulsion." The amendment was accepted by the committee.

Theressa Hoover (New York) moved to amend the report by adding the following from the 1972 *Book of Resolutions:* "A universal program to provide all basic and necessary health care services should have such costs shared by employers, individuals, and general revenue funds. Such a program should be publicly administered. The health care industry and health care professionals may be paid for services in a variety of ways, with special incentives to attract health professionals to shortage areas."

J. R. Kemmerly (Louisiana) raised a point of order, that the amendment did not differ in substance from what the Conference had voted to delete in its action on Mr. Summers' amendment (see above). A discussion ensued between the Chair, Mr.

Stumbo, Ms. Hoover, and Mr. Kemmerly. The Chair ruled that there was sufficient doubt as to whether the two were substantially the same, and that the Conference should have the opportunity to consider Ms. Hoover's amendment. Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia) appealed the ruling of the Chair. The appeal was put to a vote, and the Chair stated that his ruling was not sustained by the Conference, and that Ms. Hoover's amendment was therefore not in order. *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming) expressed the view that a two-thirds vote was necessary to overrule the judgment of the Chair, but the Chair replied that a simple majority was enough.

Minority Report—Calendar No. 524

Mr. Stumbo observed that, by its action on Mr. Summers' motion to delete, the Conference had also dealt with the minority report contained in Calendar No. 524, since the material in the minority report was identical with what had been deleted from Report No. 47 (see page 1171).

Minority Report—Calendar No. 523

Mr. Stumbo called on *Benedict A. Galloway* (Louisiana) for presentation of the report. *Mr. Galloway* summarized the position of this minority report as follows:

> ***Mr. Galloway:*** The minority report proposes that we not destroy our private health insurance program and thus replace them with a massive government program, but rather that we build an insurance program which calls for a combination of both public government and private sector experience, structure and expertise, to ensure that all citizens have quality medical care available with no barriers. The reason for this, of course, is that if you delete, you have no kind of insurance or help for persons who cannot afford insurance. This would still keep the health insurance companies in operation, and they would still be administering their program for about 89 percent of the population. But those who cannot afford to pay insurance premiums or to have insurance would be cared for out of government funds.

Richard S. Parker (New York) sought to introduce an amendment; he characterized his amendment as a compromise between the position espoused in this minority report and that found in the minority report which had been defeated. The Chair stated that the minority report now under consideration was actually an amendment to an amendment, and that therefore no further amendment was in order. He noted that *Mr. Galloway* was free to accept the change if he wished to do so. *Mr. Galloway* stated that he could not accept it, because he could not speak for the other persons who had signed the minority report. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) asked whether the ruling of the Chair meant that

no amendments at all would be in order in connection with this minority report. The Chair stated that that was the case and explained again the basis for his ruling, namely that Report No. 31 was the main motion, that Report No. 47 was an amendment to it, and that Calendar No. 523 was now an amendment to an amendment. A discussion ensued, seeking to clarify the parliamentary situation, between *Mr. Mather,* the Chair, Mr. Stumbo, and the Assistant Secretary, and at its conclusion the Chair reaffirmed his ruling.

Edsel A. Ammons (Northern Illinois): I am speaking in opposition to Mr. Galloway's amendment. I think the issue is far too complex. I don't suspect that we can in the moments that still remain to this General Conference provide an answer to a matter that lays upon the hearts of so many people in this nation. It is the task and responsibility of the Church to bear good news to the poor. Any program that cannot give that news—good, full of hope, bearing joy and its implications, is not worthy of the time of this General Conference.

It is clear to me and to most of us that programs that are presently constituted, largely privately sponsored, do not provide that good news for so many of the poor who live in the cities across this nation. Until we can spare the time to devote carefully to the reconstruction of some sort of a program of health care delivery for the poor who need that good news so desperately in the name of Jesus Christ, we ought not try it in these few moments. I speak against it.

Katherine W. Wilcox (West Michigan): I really want to speak in favor of this new proposal. It is a compromise; it is not as good as some of us would like it, but better than some others would like it. We are not fully in agreement; there's certainly very divided opinion, but the need is very great, the need is urgent, and I think this is a step forward in the right direction. It combines the public, the private, and the insurance aspects. And somehow, as we are muddling along, we as a Church and as a nation, we are going to come to some kind of solution. I agree with Dr. Ammons that it is not ideal, but I think it is very much better than some of the other proposals. I favor it.

Vernon Bigler (Western New York) moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of moving the previous question. The Chair stated that a speech against the minority report was required at this time. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) spoke against it. The minority report, Calendar No. 523, was put to a vote and was defeated (see page 1170).

Report No. 47, Calendar No. 895—Final Action

Report No. 47, as amended, was adopted as a substitute for Section IV of Report No. 31 (see page 1158). The Assistant Secretary suggested that, since Report No. 31 was being adopted seriatim, it would be well to take an additional vote adopting Section IV as substituted. The vote was taken, and the newly substituted Section IV was approved.

Report No. 31, Calendar No. 392—Final Action

Kenneth Cooper (Alabama-West Florida) observed that action on this report had already consumed more time than was allotted to it by the Committee on Calendar, and that it was not yet completed. *Mr. Hodapp,* Committee on Calendar, replied that it was the judgment of the committee that it was more time-consuming to stop a debate that was in progress and re-start it at a later time than to allow it to continue. At his suggestion, the Chair inquired whether there were additional amendments to be proposed to the remaining sections of the report; the Chair stated that there did not seem to be any delegates wishing to propose amendments. *Mr. Goodgame* moved the adoption of Sections V, VI, VII, and VIII, and they were adopted.

Report No. 31 was then put to a vote and adopted as a whole (see page 1154).

Committee on Independent Commissions

Mr. Hodapp called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions, *Hector Navas* (Florida), chairman.

Report No. 50, Calendar No. 512

Mr. Navas presented the report, recommending adoption of a change in Par. 151.3d as proposed by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and it was approved (see page 1855).

Report No. 51, Calendar No. 513

Mr. Navas presented the report, consisting of recommendations related to amendments proposed by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the Board of Discipleship in legislation governing the Committee on Nominations and Personnel of the local church. He explained that the committee had voted approval of this report, but that in order to be consistent with a previous action on a report of another committee, the Conference should vote nonconcurrence on this report (see pages 462-463, 1160). *Perry H. Saito* (Wisconsin) and William C. Vaughan (Virginia) raised questions about the relationship of this item to earlier actions. *Mr. Navas* repeated that a vote of nonconcurrence on this report would be consistent with the earlier action. The Conference voted nonconcurrence on the report (see page 1856).

Procedural Question

Thomas L. Cromwell (East Ohio), speaking as the chairman of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, observed that at least Report Nos. 50-54 (Calendar Nos. 512,

513, 514, 515, and 516), and perhaps others, dealt with the local church, that under the rules of the Conference they had been assigned to the Legislative Committee on Local Church, and that they should not have been assigned to the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions. The Chair replied that they were before the Conference as legislative committee calendar items and that the Conference would have to dispose of them in some manner.

Report No. 52, Calendar No. 514

Mr. Navas presented the report, which recommended concurrence with an amendment proposed by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women to Par. 162.1. *John L. McWhorter* (Western North Carolina) objected that all of the matters being presented had been before the Conference previously, and that the Conference ought not waste its time taking actions which might prove to be contradictory to those taken earlier.

Motion to Refer

John B. Russell (Virginia) moved "that these matters be referred back to this committee to find out which ones have been acted upon and their report be deferred until they do." The motion was adopted.

Erwin H. Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) objected that a motion to refer was debatable, and that no debate had been allowed. *Mr. Navas* stated that he had conferred with other committee chairpersons and would identify items which duplicated other reports as he presented them.

Mr. Schwiebert moved that the motion to refer be reconsidered, and the Chair put the motion to a vote. Mr. Schwiebert objected that the motion to reconsider was also debatable and asked for the opportunity to debate it. He stated that the items now being presented were matters on which the Commission on the Status and Role of Women had had proposals which differed from those considered earlier, and that these proposals should be heard by the Conference. *John D. Humphrey, Sr.* (North Mississippi) spoke against the motion to reconsider. *Walter N. Kalaf* (Florida) also spoke against it. *Paul E. Myers* (Central Pennsylvania) spoke for reconsideration; he explained that the Committee on Local Church had considered many of these matters and expressed the view that the best way to deal with the situation was to bring the Independent Commissions reports back to the floor and vote nonconcurrence on all of them. The motion to reconsider was defeated.

Mr. Kalaf asked whether the motion to refer included Report

No. 50; the Chair replied that it did not. *Mr. Kalaf* moved to reconsider Report No. 50 for the purpose of referral. The motion to reconsider was adopted. Report No. 50 was then referred back to the committee by vote of the Conference. *William M. James* (New York) asked a question about the referrals; the Chair replied.

Statement Concerning Procedure

Hazel M. Decker (Texas): I am the chairperson of the subcommittee which dealt with all of the legislation having to do with the Commission of the Status and Role of Women. We don't know why they were referred to us, but we dealt with them in good faith, and I hope that this kind of a contradictory situation will not occur again. In the first place, we wasted time, and then it seems as though there is an unfair advantage for whichever committee brings its legislation first, so I would hope that for the next General Conference this kind of confusion would not occur again.

John B. Russell (Virginia) stated that he had intended his motion of referral (see above) to apply to all further items in the Independent Commissions committee's calendar. *Mr. Navas* stated that there were committee reports which could be presented that were not related to the work of other committees. The Chair called for the chairman of the Committee on Calendar to designate the next committee which would report. Mrs. Decker sought to introduce a substitute motion, but the Chair stated that there was nothing before the Conference to which a substitute could relate. *Mr. Hodapp*, Committee on Calendar, called for reports by Bishop Ole E. Borgen, chairman of the Committee on Central Conference Affairs.

Gloster B. Current (New York) raised a point of order, claiming that earlier in the Conference it had been agreed that when reports were in duplication, "the first committee's report that was approved would stand for the whole." The Chair replied that the Conference was acting on that presupposition. He raised another point of order, that the Committee on Independent Commissions had other reports which were not in duplication, and that they should be considered at this time. The Chair replied that that was not in order by action of the Conference.

Committee on Central Conference Affairs—Report No.1

Bishop Borgen reported on behalf of the committee. He called attention to the committee's Report No. 1, section III, B, 2(a) and recalled for the Conference that this had been referred back to a consultation between the Committee on Central Conference Affairs and the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. He reported that, as a result of that consultation, the

committee wished to withdraw the second and third paragraphs under subsection 2(a). The recommendation was approved. Report No. 1 was adopted as a whole, as amended (see page 1974).

Report No. 9

Bishop Borgen called attention to Report No. 9, but stated that no additional action was needed since the matter had been approved by the Conference at an earlier session (see pages 342-343, 1976).

Report No. 10

Bishop Borgen presented Report No. 10, entitled "Invitation to Other Autonomous Churches to Discuss Concordats." He noted that the recommendation was for referral for study to the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, with the provision that the Central Conference members of the Board of Global Ministries be part of the study. The report was adopted (see page 1984).

Report No. 11

Report No. 11 was presented; the subject of the report was "Granting of Autonomy Between General Conferences," and Bishop Borgen noted that the recommendation was for nonconcurrence. The nonconcurrence recommendation was approved (see below, page 527).

Report No. 12

Report No. 12 was presented, and Bishop Borgen stated that the committee recommended nonconcurrence by unanimous vote; the nonconcurrence recommendation was approved (see page 1986).

Report No. 13

Bishop Borgen presented Report No. 13, explaining that it consisted of amendments to legislation proposed by the Board of Global Ministries for provisional annual conferences. The report was adopted (see page 1986).

Report No. 14

Bishop Borgen called attention to the fact that Report No. 14 was a constitutional amendment which was necessary to allow provisional annual conferences to have voting delegates to General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences. The report was adopted, and the Chair stated that it had received the two-thirds

vote of approval required for constitutional amendments (see page 1987).

Report No. 15

Report No. 15 was presented, and Bishop Borgen explained that it was in response to a matter referred to the committee from the Conference floor, and that the effect of the report would be to add representatives from the Board of Global Ministries to the new Commission on Central Conference Affairs. He also called attention to a correction which needed to be made in the printed report. The report was adopted (see page 1987).

Report No. 16

Bishop Borgen presented Report No. 16, a resolution on the "Lateness of Conference Literature to Central Conference Delegates." William McPherson (Minnesota) stated that there was a delegate from Mozambique who wished to speak to a report which had already been adopted, but who had not been recognized when the report was presented. The Chair replied that after action had been completed on Report No. 16 he would see if the Conference wished to reconsider the earlier report. Report No. 16 was adopted (see page 1988).

Report No. 11—Reconsideration

Mr. McPherson identified Report No. 11 (see above, page 526) as the report in which the delegate was interested. Report No. 11 was reconsidered by vote of the Conference.

Andre N. Bahule (Southeast Africa): I wanted to make a reference to Report No. 11 from the Commission on Central Conferences. You need to know the situation of the Church in Africa before you can make a decision about the Church in Africa. What is asked for in this proposal was a way to ask for autonomy between General Conferences without waiting for another session of General Conference.

This can become necessary. The important thing about the autonomy of the Church is the personality of the Church, the character of the Church, which should be appropriate to its own country. We believe that it is important that this General Conference give to the Central Conference—at least the Central Conferences of Africa—the possibility of achieving autonomy before the next General Conference, because it may become necessary.

One of the things that I was told to do when I came was to talk to representatives of other autonomous churches and see how they became autonomous so that we could begin to move in that direction. We do not want forced autonomy. The Church will make its decision. What we are asking is if the Church should decide to become autonomous that it would have that possibility without waiting four years for another General Conference.

Therefore, I would like for this Conference not to move concurrence, but nonconcurrence with that proposal so that this could become possible, and I would have a motion to make if it were appropriate and in order.

Bishop Borgen responded briefly. Alick Seymour (Delhi) called attention to the fact that Mr. Bahule had wished to make a motion and asked the Chair to rule on whether a motion would be in order.

Mr. Bahule: I would move that this 1976 General Conference of The United Methodist Church authorize any Central Conference or any Annual Conference of the Central Conference, should it so choose, to request autonomy during the quadrennium. Such a request would be directed to the Commission on Central Conference Affairs. That commission would be authorized to effectuate the autonomy without awaiting another General Conference and would report such action to the General Conference of 1980.

Ralph B. Huston (Florida) asked to hear the rationale for the committee position. The Chair called on Bishop Borgen for response, but he stated that he would prefer to have the opportunity to make the final statement on behalf of the committee. Mr. Seymour (Delhi) spoke in support of the report.

Raiji Rathod (Gujarat): From the ruling of the Judicial Council we have come to know that unless and until each Annual Conference, which is declared as the basic body, decides and gets an aggregate vote which again will be approved by the Central Conference, no individual conference or any one Central Conference could make such a decision, and so I strongly oppose this. This should be studied by each Annual Conference, approved by two-thirds vote, be recommended to the Central Conference, and when the Central Conference by two-thirds vote approves, then the petition comes to the General Conference. And so one individual cannot pass such a motion, one Annual Conference cannot set such tradition. And so I strongly oppose this motion.

The Chair noted that the time set for adjournment had been reached. There was a motion to extend the time to complete action on the report which was before the Conference, and the time was extended.

William V. S. Tubman, Jr. (Liberia) spoke against the motion.

Bishop Borgen: I have first a question pertaining to this motion itself. There's a fact that Bishop Zunguze, his bishop, spoke differently. Secondly, I would like to pose a question whether he speaks for himself or if he has an official position of his conference behind him. I see it this way—that if the church in Mozambique had wanted this, they could have asked for an enabling act at this time, conditional enabling act, which they have not done.

No such proposition has been before us, and therefore I will question the propriety of this whole motion at the present time because I do not know the background of it.

Now in terms of the decision of the committee, there were quite a few. First of all, this proposition of this petition gives blanket authority to a small committee of a few members—I am a member of it—but I feel very uneasy about this. It means that the General Conference has taken out of deciding a very, very vital connectional matter and delegating its authority to a small body as our committee is.

Secondly, was the question raised by the person from India. The Judicial

Council has very clearly defined the proper procedure for this kind of thing. A decision by the Central Conferences ratified by the Annual Conferences, and unless this is done, they have declared a procedure unconstitutional. It was one of the reasons why we did not find this acceptable.

Thirdly, the present legislation seems to be sufficient even in a crisis. In this way that we have the machinery through the committee who can prepare everything except the enabling action in conjunction with the conference or conferences involved. At the same time we have other paragraphs pertaining to Central Conferences, which gives the Central Conferences authority or mandate to adjust its organization, its life according to the laws of the land. And it seems to me here that we should not confuse national legal situations with ecclesiastical legal situations. It appears that there is a confusion here.

It is quite possible to be legally in connection with The United Methodist Church in terms of the law of the land to be a separate entity. We have several areas of our Church functioning that way already in Europe, among other places. For these reasons and also the vote taken, I brought it back to the committee for reconsideration and they reaffirmed the present vote. And I have no other choice than to bring back the nonconcurrence vote in this case. In other words, we find that if they want a remedy, they should ask for it straight and have a decision in the General Conference. Secondly, it should be made by the proper authorities given in the *Discipline*. And thirdly, we find that we have present legislation that we could be able to handle the situation in a crisis situation if necessary.

Mr. Bahule's amendment was put to a vote and was defeated. Report No. 11 was adopted (see page 1985).

Adjournment

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, made an announcement, after which he moved that the evening plenary session convene at 7 p.m. The motion was adopted. Bishop Finger offered a closing prayer, and the session was adjourned.

TENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1976
EVENING SESSION

Opening—Bishop Dwight E. Loder

Pursuant to adjournment, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the evening session of the tenth day, Friday, May 7, 1976, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon, with Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Michigan Area, presiding.

Carlton Young led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "We Gather Together."

Bishop Loder: Martin Luther one time said, "This is going to be an especially busy day so I must spend more time than usual at prayer." This is going to be an especially busy evening, and it is suitable that we spend a few more moments than usual at prayer.

I want to create a setting. I served a church which had a beautiful, tall spire at the very center of it. Before every service I spent some time alone. I would visualize myself as suspended above the spire looking down on the congregation gathered and identifying them one by one as I knew them, and then I would visualize where they had come from. Then I would attempt to visualize how the influence of that gathered congregation would radiate out from that house of worship.

Tonight I want to spend a few moments suspended in my imagination above this auditorium looking at each one of you trying to imagine where you have come from and attempting to feel something of the influence that will radiate out from this place. We are going to spend a few moments in absolute silence after I tell you the thing that is deepest in my heart tonight. And, perhaps, if I share it with you I will not be preoccupied with it, and I wish we could hear from you the thing deepest in your heart, but it is more important that God can hear from both of us.

Last night, ten minutes after ten, I received word that Lewis Redmond and his wife Norma lost a son. Lewis Redmond has been in a downtown church in Detroit for over twenty years, because he has wanted to be there. He has carried on an effective ministry in an area of Detroit where I am afraid to walk alone. Last night his son, twenty-two years of age, went to see a young man who had dropped out of the church and was pushing guns, to see if he couldn't get him to come back. He knocked on the apartment door. When the door was opened, he was shot twice through the heart before he knew what had happened. When James Bristah, his superintendent, and I talked to him and Norma last night, both of them said, "I thank God he died in the service of our Master." That helps me to be in perspective tonight.

This is a time when we are in the service of the Master. It is no time to feel sorry for ourselves; it is a time for us to come together now, to complete the business of this, one of the great General Conferences of the Church. We want to do it with dignity, we want to do it with serenity, we want to do it with clarity, we want to do it in the spirit of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

And so for a moment now think about Lew and Norma Redmond with me, and then let your mind wander. See us together as the community, for that is what we are, a gathered community, let us never forget that, that is why we are here. Let us pray.

Our Father, hear our prayers. Let us so conduct ourselves and this business that even a casual visitor who chances by will say of us, surely God is in this place, and those who are here know it. Amen.

Bishop Loder made an additional statement regarding the manner in which he intended to apply parliamentary procedure during this last plenary session of the Conference. He expressed the hope that the Conference could spend its time debating the issues rather than on procedural matters. He explained that there would be times when, with the consent of the Conference, he would shortcut some parliamentary procedures, but asked that it be called to his attention if any delegate felt he was being unfair.

Committee on Calendar

Leroy C. Hodapp (South Indiana), chairman, reported on behalf of the committee. He moved that all calendar items for concurrence, with no negative votes in the legislative committee, be combined in one comprehensive motion for concurrence, to be presented later in this evening session. He called attention to a sheet which had been distributed to delegates containing the calendar numbers, by committee, of reports which had received no negative votes in the legislative committees. He explained that the list for each committee had been prepared by that committee's chairperson, and that this had been done in response to the motion presented by *William P. Bailey* (Memphis) at the close of the Thursday evening session (see pages 491-492). *Mr. Hodapp* stressed that the motion he had just introduced was not a motion to concur in these reports at this time but only to affirm the process. He also explained the process by which delegates could seek to have items removed from the list and considered individually, and that this could occur later in the evening at the time the motion for concurrence with the list was presented. *Mr. Hodapp's* motion was adopted (see below, pages 558-564).

Mr. Hodapp then moved that all calendar items which called for referral to various boards and agencies of the church without recommendation be so referred. He called attention to a second list which had been distributed to delegates containing the calendar numbers of reports in this category. The Chair asked *Mr. Hodapp* to clarify that the motion now before the Conference would refer these reports, and that there would be no further action on them. *Mr. Hodapp* confirmed that this was the case. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Hodapp called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Conferences, *Bruce Blake* (Kansas West), chairman.

Committee on Independent Commissions, Report No. 32, Calendar No. 295—Reconsideration

Mr. Blake called attention to this report of the Committee on Independent Commissions and moved reconsideration of it. He explained that the report (see pages 457, 1846) was in conflict with existing legislation governing the composition of certain annual conference agencies. He stated that he had been in consultation with the chairperson of the Committee on Independent Commissions, and that he was in agreement that the report should be reconsidered. The motion to reconsider was adopted.

Mr. Blake moved to amend the proposed legislation by inserting the words "Insofar as possible" at the beginning of the sentence. The report was amended and adopted.

Committee on Conferences, Report No. 124, Calendar No. 1020

Mr. Blake presented the report, which was on the subject, "Annual Conference Responsibility for Program Functions"; the report was in the form of legislative committee recommendations to legislation proposed by the general program agencies and printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. He presented corrections to the printed report, and it was adopted (see page 1325).

Report No. 125, Calendar No. 1021

Mr. Blake presented the report, consisting of a recommendation of concurrence with proposals of the general agencies on legislation for the *Book of Discipline*, Part IV, Chapter Six, "The Conferences," as printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, except as it may have been otherwise amended or deleted by General Conference action. In order to avoid contradictions, *Mr. Blake* listed the paragraph numbers covered by this report, as they were numbered in the advance edition, as follows: 601-612, 620-642, 650-652, 660-667, 680-683, 702-704, 726, 754, 756, and 757. The report was adopted (see page 1337).

Report No. 94, Calendar No. 989

Mr. Blake presented the report, which was in the form of amendments to legislation proposed by the Board of Discipleship to govern the office of conference lay leader. The report was adopted (see page 1313).

Report No. 84 (Majority and Minority Reports); Calendar Nos. 339, 987

Mr. Blake pointed out that the majority report contained a

simple recommendation of nonconcurrence, but that it was the minority report which contained a substantive recommendation. He asked that Oscar Garza, IV (Rio Grande) be recognized to present the minority report, a resolution calling for two additional delegates to General Conference for each of seven conferences now represented by only two delegates each. The Chair asked the Conference to indicate its willingness to hear the minority report, and it was voted to hear it. Mr. Garza moved that the minority report, Calendar No. 987, be referred to the General Council on Ministries for study and report back at the 1980 General Conference. The motion was adopted (see page 1310).

Report No. 102 (Majority and Minority Reports); Calendar Nos. 997, 998

Mr. Blake presented the report, dealing with the membership of the District Conference, and called on Jerry G. Bray, Jr. (Virginia) for the presentation of the minority report. He spoke briefly for the majority report, according to which the members of the District Conference would be as determined by the Annual Conference. Mr. Bray spoke in support of the minority report. The Chair called for the perfecting of the majority report, but no one sought to speak or offer amendments to it. Opportunity was likewise given for the perfecting of the minority report, but there were no speeches or amendments related to it. The question of whether to substitute the minority report for the majority report was put to a vote, and it was not substituted. The majority report was adopted (see page 1317).

Report No. 90 (Majority and Minority Reports); Calendar Nos. 873, 988

Mr. Blake indicated that Michael Watson (South Carolina) would present the minority report at the appropriate time. *Mr. Blake* introduced the majority report and explained that it was a constitutional matter. The petition to which the report was related called for the addition of the word "sex" to the phrase "regardless of race or status" in Pars. 15.1, .14 of the Constitution; the majority report recommended nonconcurrence. Mr. Watson spoke briefly in support of the minority report, which recommended amending the Constitution by adding the word "sex" as requested in the petition.

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio): I do not wish to oppose the minority report, but I call your attention to a very serious legal problem. If we write into our Constitution that there may be no discrimination on the basis of sex, much of the legislation we already have in the *Discipline* would be under . . . might very well

be unconstitutional because it does prescribe that women shall be put in those places, which means there is discrimination on basis of sex.

We had this very problem at the Uniting Conference in Dallas in 1968, and the Interim Judicial Council said that if you have a provision, there may be no discrimination on the basis of race, then you may not mandate that people be in certain places because of race, and so you will notice that our *Discipline* is pretty carefully written in that regard. It says, "It is recommended," or "It is urged," that there be ethnic minority, but it does not say, "There shall be," ethnic minority. If this amendment were to prevail, much of the legislation that we have that says there shall be women here, and women there, women in the Women's Division and that sort of thing might well be unconstitutional.

Louise Branscomb (North Alabama) asked a question about the relationship of Mr. Slutz's observation to an earlier action of the Conference creating a United Methodist Men's organization. The Chair pointed out that that action had not been a constitutional amendment.

Beverly J. Anderson (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the report so that Par. 15.14 would read: "To secure the rights and privileges of membership in all agencies, programs and institutions of The United Methodist Church in a manner consistent with the commitment of The United Methodist Church to ethnic, racial, and sexual inclusiveness." She spoke in support of her amendment. Ms. Anderson's amendment was defeated.

Mr. Watson made a final statement in support of the minority report, but it was defeated. The majority report was adopted (see page 1312).

Committee on Conferences—Reports Withdrawn

Mr. Blake announced that, because of action at the afternoon session on reports of the Committee on Central Conference Affairs, the Committee on Conferences wished to withdraw the following reports: Report No. 74, Calendar No. 189; Report No. 88, Calendar No. 871; Report No. 89, Calendar No. 872. The Chair stated that this did not require action by the Conference.

Question on Report No. 125, Calendar No. 1021

Harvey L. Watson (North Carolina) called attention to a recommended disciplinary paragraph numbered 721, proposed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry and printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. He noted that, earlier in the Conference, when another legislative committee had sought to recommend action on this legislation, it had been tabled pending the report of the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry. He stated that he had understood that *Mr. Blake* had now included it in the matters adopted in the omnibus recommendation in Report No. 125, Calendar No. 1021. *Mr.*

Blake replied that that paragraph was not among the items included in Calendar No. 1021.

Statement Related to Report No. 84, Calendar No. 987

John Chittum (East Ohio) explained that a delegate had sought to be recognized in connection with action on Calendar No. 987 (see above, page 532) and asked if it would be possible to recognize him now for two minutes. The request was granted by vote of the Conference.

Gustav Soiland (Norway) explained that he had wished to amend Calendar No. 987 to provide that every annual conference would be entitled to at least two ministerial and two lay delegates to the General Conference. The Chair suggested that, inasmuch as this matter had been referred to the General Council on Ministries for study, *Mr. Soiland* should present his concerns to a representative of that council. *Mr. Soiland* moved that his suggestion also be referred to that council, and the motion was adopted.

Legislative Committee on Local Church

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, called for the presentation of reports by the Legislative Committee on Local Church, Woodrow Seals (Texas), chairman.

Report No. 44, Calendar No. 609

Mr. Seals asked to make an editorial change in this report, which had been considered earlier by the Conference (see page 459). He asked that the word "Indian," in section 2 of the resolution, be changed to "Native American"; the change was approved.

Statement Regarding Remaining Reports

Mr. Seals explained that he and *Hector Navas,* chairman of the Committee on Independent Commissions, had met and had reconciled differences on all matters which had been referred to both committees except two. He introduced the subcommittee chairpersons who would be reporting on behalf of the Committee on Local Church.

Report No. 40, Calendar No. 605

William B. Oden (Oklahoma) presented the report; he explained that it was an amendment to Par. 129.4 (1972 *Book of Discipline*) governing the process by which members are removed by Charge Conference action. The report was adopted (see page 1654).

Question on Earlier Report

Ralph B. Huston (Florida) asked a question related to a report adopted earlier in the session. The Chair asked that he hold his question until after the time segment assigned to the Committee on the Local Church was completed.

Committee on Local Church, Report No. 16, Calendar No. 581

Robert C. Morgan (North Alabama) presented the report, on the subject "Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries," and it was adopted (see page 1638).

Report No. 27, Calendar No. 592

Mr. Morgan presented the report, entitled "Young Adult Ministry," and indicated that there was an amendment to be presented to it. Marilyn Roberts (North Georgia) moved to amend the proposed legislation contained in the report by adding the following sentence: "A cooperative approach to young adult ministries with other churches, denominations, community organizations and groups shall be encouraged as a valid outreach ministry of the local United Methodist church." *Mr. Morgan* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee, and it was approved by the Conference. The report was adopted as amended (see page 1646).

Report No. 18, Calendar No. 583

Mr. Morgan presented the report, which recommended amending and adopting legislation submitted by the Board of Discipleship governing the responsibilities of the work area chairperson of education. The report was adopted (see page 1639).

Report No. 19, Calendar No. 584

Mr. Morgan presented the report, explaining that it recommended approval of amendments to the legislation governing the responsibilities of the work area chairperson on evangelism; the report was adopted (see page 1640).

Report No. 22, Calendar No. 587

Mr. Morgan explained that this report was similar to the previous one, except that it dealt with the work area chairperson on stewardship; the report was adopted (see page 1642).

Report No. 25, Calendar No. 590

Mr. Morgan explained that the report contained legislation for a new local church work area chairperson on religion and race.

Porter Womeldorff (Central Illinois): In the interest of time I won't read my prepared statement, but we are preparing to mandate three additional structures for the local church. I sense in our conference a satisfaction with the present structure and a literal plea to the General Conference not to add to the mandatory local church structure. Sensitization can come through the elected connectional representatives and appointed connectional representatives, and we don't structure for the purpose of sensitization.

The report was adopted (see page 1644).

Report No. 28, Calendar No. 593 (see page 1646)

Mr. Morgan presented the report, consisting of new legislation for United Methodist Men in the local church.

Sam N. Varnell, Jr. (Holston): Mr. Chairman, I rise to oppose the idea of mandating a United Methodist Men's organization in every local church. I served many years of my life as pastor of circuits, and the idea of having to organize in each of those churches a United Methodist Men's group is purely an encumbrance; it's an imposition in terms of structure that I feel we should avoid. And I would hope that we could make this permissible and not require such an organization in every church or every charge.

Richard B. Wilke (Kansas West) moved to amend the first sentence of the proposed Par. 254.4a by changing the word "shall" to "may." Charles E. Hefley (North Indiana) made a statement regarding the report; *Mr. Morgan* responded.

William B. Oden (Oklahoma) moved as a substitute for the amendment, that the words "It is recommended that" be inserted at the beginning of the proposed Par. 254.4a; he moved to further amend the legislation by inserting a new Par. 254.4c(4). *Mr. Oden* indicated he had additional amendments to propose, and the Chair asked that those be held unless they were related to the ones he had already presented. The Chair further suggested that the two amendments *Mr. Oden* had read be included in one motion. *H. Dan Rice* (North Georgia) called attention to proposed Par. 254.4d and suggested that because of it, it was unnecessary to change the word "shall" in the first sentence of Par. 254.4a. *Mr. Oden* attempted to reply, but the Chair ruled that he was not in order. Doris M. Handy (Western Pennsylvania) spoke in favor of the committee language and against the amendment and the substitute.

In view of the fact that the amendment and the related substitute were proving to be controversial, the Chair suggested that the Conference act on them separately from *Mr. Oden's* second amendment. *Mr. Morgan* made a final statement on behalf of the committee. *Mr. Oden's* substitute was defeated. *Mr. Wilke's* amendment was adopted.

The Chair then called for action on *Mr. Oden's* second amendment; it called for the addition of a new Par. 254.4c(4) and

the renumbering of subsequent subsections. The addition would read as follows: "(4) To encourage knowledge of and support for the total mission of The United Methodist Church." *Mr. Morgan* indicated the willingness of the committee to accept the amendment, and it was adopted.

Mr. Oden then moved to amend the newly renumbered Par. 254.4c(5) by deleting "personal" and "especially among men and boys," and by adding the words, "by sharing the fullness of the gospel in its personal and social dimensions." *Mr. Morgan* stated that the committee was willing to accept the amendment, and it was adopted.

Dale F. DeLong (West Ohio) moved to amend the proposed legislation by substituting the following for proposed Par. 254.4e: "The duly appointed pastor of the church shall be an ex-officio member." He spoke in support of the amendment. Marilynn Mabee (Southern California-Arizona) spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.

Torrey A. Kaatz (West Ohio) asked to hear an additional amendment which *Mr. Oden* wished to propose. *Mr. Oden* moved to amend the proposed legislation by inserting a new Par. 254.4c(6), which would read as follows: "(6) To clarify and speak to the identity and role of men in contemporary society." *Mr. Morgan* expressed the willingness of the committee to accept the amendment, and it was adopted.

The report was adopted as amended (see page 1646).

Report No. 15, Calendar No. 580

Mr. Morgan presented the report, dealing with membership of the local church Council on Ministries. It was adopted (see page 1637).

Committee on Independent Commissions Reports

Paul E. Myers (Central Pennsylvania) explained that he would be presenting a group of reports from the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions, and that these were the reports to which Mr. Seals had referred (see above, pages 524, 535) as having been cleared for action by consultation between that committee and the Committee on Local Church.

Committee on Independent Commissions, Report No. 52, Calendar No. 514

Mr. Myers presented the report and explained that it was in agreement with Committee on Local Church Report No. 49, which had already been adopted (see page 1660). Calendar No. 514 was adopted (see below, page 544).

Committee on Independent Commissions, Report No. 53, Calendar No. 515

Mr. Myers stated that the report was included in Committee on Local Church Report No. 14, Calendar No. 579, and that the Committee on Local Church would accept the recommendations in the Independent Commissions report.

James W. Turner (Virginia) moved to amend the report by deleting the words "one youth" in the provisions for membership of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. He spoke in support of his amendment. The Chair asked for clarification on the amendment, and *Mr. Turner* responded. Charles H. Stewart, III (Florida) spoke in opposition to it. The Chair asked if the Conference was ready to vote the previous question, and it was voted. *Mr. Myers* made a final statement against the amendment on behalf of the Committee. The amendment was defeated.

Jerome K. Del Pino (Southern New England) moved to amend the proposed legislation so that the provision for a youth member of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee would be in the form of a recommendation. The amendment was adopted.

Arthur B. Oot, Jr. (Northern New York) spoke in opposition to a provision in the legislation as originally submitted by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, which would require the provision of health, life, and pension benefits for local church lay employees, including part-time. Erwin H. Schwiebert (Oregon-Idaho) pointed out that the provision to which *Mr. Oot* was objecting had already been deleted by the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions. Calendar No. 515 was adopted as amended (see page 1857).

Committee on Independent Commissions, Report No. 54, Calendar No. 516

Mr. Myers reported that the recommendation contained in this item, that one-half of the membership of the local church Committee on Finance be women, was in direct conflict with a Committee on Local Church report which would be presented shortly. He stated that the Committee on Local Church would recommend that the Conference vote nonconcurrence on this report. The Conference voted nonconcurrence on Calendar No. 516 (see page 1857).

Committee on Independent Commissions, Report No. 55, Calendar No. 517

Mr. Myers explained that the report would provide for local church Boards of Trustees to have approximately one-half women in their membership, and that this would be in conflict

with earlier Conference action on Committee on Local Church Report No. 49, Calendar No. 614. He stated that the Committee on Local Church recommendation would be to vote nonconcurrence on this report. The Conference voted nonconcurrence on Calendar No. 517 (see page 1858).

Committee on Local Church, Report No. 35, Calendar No. 600

Mr. Myers stated that the committee recommendation on this report, dealing with Charge Conference acceptance of general fund apportionments, was that it be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration. The referral recommendation was approved (see page 1652).

Report No. 53, Calendar No. 656

Mr. Myers presented the report, consisting of new legislation governing the local church Committee on Finance, and it was adopted (see page 1668).

Report No. 56, Calendar No. 659

Mr. Myers explained that the petitions to which this report were related dealt with possible administrative board membership for associate members, affiliate members, and ministerial members on special appointment; he stated that the committee was not actually in disagreement with the petitions but believed them to be in conflict with a Judicial Council decision. Based on this judgment the committee recommended nonconcurrence and referral to the Board of Discipleship for study. The recommendation was adopted (see page 1670).

Report No. 51, Calendar No. 617

Mr. Myers presented the report, which was on the subject, "Co-pastorates." He stated that the committee recommended nonconcurrence with the petition to which the report related, because it believed the present disciplinary language of Par. 106.1 to be adequate.

Objections to Procedure

Hazel Decker (Texas) questioned why a report which she identified as Calendar No. 504 had been referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration. The Chair replied that she had misunderstood, that 504 had been a page number rather than a calendar item number.

Kim Brown (Memphis) objected to the procedure whereby the Conference had been voting on legislation recommended by the

Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions without the chairman of the committee having opportunity to present or speak on it. He noted that the Conference had voted nonconcurrence on certain of that committee's reports without hearing from its chairman. The Chair replied that the reports in question had been referred to two committees, that the two chairpersons had conferred on them, and that the presenter of the reports was representing both.

Report No. 51—Consideration Resumed

Charles H. Stewart, III (Florida) asked a question regarding the reporting of the vote on Report No. 51; *Mr. Myers* responded. *Phyllis Tyler Wayman* (Southern California-Arizona) moved to amend the report so that the last portion of Par. 106.1 would read as follows: ". . . to which a minister or ministers may be duly appointed or appointable as pastor or co-pastors in charge." She spoke in support of her amendment. William C. Vaughan (Virginia) spoke against it. *Walter B. Rutland* (Florida) spoke in favor of it. *J. Spurgeon McCartt* (Holston) spoke against it. *Mr. Myers* declined the opportunity to make a final statement on behalf of the committee. *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) again questioned the recording of the committee vote as it appeared in the printed report; the Chair replied that the vote of the committee had been a nonconcurrence vote. The Assistant Secretary read the amendment. It was defeated. The report was adopted as printed (see page 1662).

(Secretary's note: In the *Daily Christian Advocate* the committee vote on this report was shown as "For 16; Against 56; Not Voting 0." Based on the wording of the report and the Chair's response to *Mr. Mather's* question, the record of the committee vote as printed in this *Journal* is shown as "For 56; Against 16; Not Voting 0.")

Report No. 47, Calendar No. 612

Mr. Myers called on *Melvin M. Finkbeiner* (Pacific Northwest) for the presentation of the report; it consisted of legislation calling for local church building committees to insure that steps are taken to obtain the services of female and minority skilled persons in construction projects under their direction. *Mr. Finkbeiner* explained the committee recommendation.

James W. Turner (Virginia) moved to amend the report by substituting the words "are urged to take steps" for "shall insure that adequate steps are taken." He spoke in support of his amendment. *Forrest C. Stith* (Baltimore) spoke against it. Robert Albrecht (Northern Illinois) spoke in favor of the

amendment, stating that without it the legislation would be impossible to implement in farming communities where there were no minorities. *Joseph G. Stapleton* (Peninsula) observed that the last sentence of the proposed legislation negated Mr. Albrecht's argument. *Mr. Finkbeiner* made a final statement on behalf of the committee. The amendment was defeated.

Charles E. Hefley (North Indiana) asked a question; the Chair responded. Report No. 47 was adopted (see page 1659).

Mr. Seals, chairman, reported that this completed the work of the Committee on Local Church.

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar chairman, called on *Bruce Blake* (Kansas West) to answer a question asked earlier; *Mr. Blake* responded.

Motion to Reconsider

Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr. (Western North Carolina) moved reconsideration of Committee on Local Church Report No. 40, Calendar No. 605. He stated that the report as it had been adopted could "delay removal of members from the church from three to possibly six years, and discussion was not permitted to point out that fact to the body." The motion to reconsider was defeated.

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Hodapp moved that the time of adjournment of this session be extended until the work of the 1976 General Conference is completed. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Hodapp called on *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) for reports from the Council on Finance and Administration.

Conflicting Legislation Cited

John L. McWhorter (Western North Carolina) stated that the Conference had adopted conflicting legislation in its actions on Committee on Local Church Report No. 49 (see page 1660) and Committee on Independent Commissions Report No. 52 (see above, page 538). He explained that the Committee on Local Church report provided that the pastor be the chairperson of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel, while the Committee on Independent Commissions report was in conflict with that. The Chair asked Woodrow Seals (Texas), chairman of the Committee on Local Church, to work out the conflict and report back to the Conference.

Council on Finance and Administration Reports

Mr. Drennan introduced a report of the Council dealing with Evangelism Sunday. Joe Bailey, Jr. (North Mississippi) called attention to Calendar No. 134, a report of the Committee on Discipleship, which dealt with Evangelism Sunday and which had been adopted by the Conference. The Assistant Secretary reported that Calendar No. 134 had been referred to the Council on Finance and Administration (see pages 389, 1348). The report of the Council was adopted (see page 2054).

Mr. Drennan introduced a report of the Council related to the funding of the Committee on Central Conference Affairs; the report was adopted (see page 2054).

Mr. Drennan presented a report of the Council dealing with overseas delegates' expense accounts; it was adopted (see page 2054).

Mass Communications Fund—Motion of Implementation

Mr. Drennan moved that the Mass Communications Fund be apportioned to the several annual conferences on the World Service Fund apportionment formula, and that the promotion of the Mass Communications Fund be a responsibility of the Division of Program and Benevolence Interpretation of the Joint Committee on Communications, the cost being a prior claim against the Mass Communications Fund and within a budget approved by the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration. The motion was adopted.

Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 2—Reconsideration

Mr. Drennan moved reconsideration of the Council's Report No. 2. He called attention to the provisions in the report for determining the apportionments of the Puerto Rico, Rio Grande, Alaska Missionary, Oklahoma Indian Missionary, and Red Bird Missionary Conferences and explained that additional negotiation on the amounts of these conferences' apportionments was needed. The motion to reconsider was adopted.

Mr. Drennan moved that the Council be granted authority to negotiate downward the percentages of increase as set forth in paragraph 1c of the report, if necessary. *Jerome K. Del Pino* (Southern New England) asked if it would be possible to have included in this referral to the Council the application of the same reduction in formula for all ethnic minority churches within The United Methodist Church. The Chair replied that that would not be in order in connection with the matter before the Conference.

Mr. Drennan's motion was adopted. Report No. 2 was then adopted as amended (see page 2010).

Recess

The Chair announced that the Conference would be in recess for ten minutes. *J. B. Holt* (Secretary) made an announcement. Following the recess, *Carlton Young* led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."

Committee on Calendar

Mr. Hodapp reported that *Paul Myers* (Central Pennsylvania) was prepared to report on a way of resolving the conflict between Committee on Local Church Report No. 49 and Committee on Independent Commissions Report No. 52.

Privilege Motion

The Chair recognized *J. E. Broyles* (Tennessee) for a privilege motion. *Mr. Broyles* introduced the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the General Conference requests the General Council on Finance and Administration to ascertain the total cost of this 1976 General Conference, and that this report include the number of general board and agency personnel in attendance and the total cost of their presence; that this information be made available to the delegates of the 1980 General Conference." He asked to speak on the matter, but the Chair stated that no debate was in order on a matter of privilege. The resolution was adopted.

Committee on Independent Commissions, Report No. 52, Calendar No. 514—Reconsideration

Mr. Myers (Central Pennsylvania) reported that there was a conflict between this report and Committee on Local Church Report No. 49, as reported to the Conference earlier. He moved reconsideration of the Independent Commissions report in order to vote nonconcurrence on it. The motion to reconsider was adopted. *Mr. Myers* moved nonconcurrence with the Independent Commissions report, and the motion was adopted (see page 1856).

Committee on Financial Administration

Mr. Hodapp called on Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio), chairman, for reports from the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration.

Report No. 49, Calendar No. 557 (see page 1724)

Mr. Moore explained that the report was in the form of amendments to legislation submitted by the Council on Finance and Administration and related to the General Council and the general funds. He called on George M. Boswell (North Texas) for the presentation of the report; he also pointed out that there was a minority report which would be presented by *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming). Mr. Boswell noted that the committee was recommending nine changes in the legislation as proposed by the Council. In response to a question from the Chair, he stated that an additional change was proposed in the minority report, which was printed as Calendar No. 558.

Report No. 49 (Minority), Calendar No. 558 (see page 1751)

Mr. Boswell identified Par. 906.1b of the proposed legislation as the portion which would be amended by the minority report. He stated that both the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration and the Committee on Council on Ministries had approved the section as printed.

Mr. Reid (Wyoming) explained the provisions of the minority report which was related to the process by which recommendations to the General Conference on program agency allocations from the World Service Fund budget are determined.

Mr. Reid: We feel that the expertise of the Council on Ministries is in programming, the expertise of GCFA is in financing, and that the financing should be done by one agency, but it should not get into area where its expertise is not—that the GCOM working within the figure that GCFA has given should work on the programming.

We are concerned about what happens if GCFA and GCOM do not agree, if there is a deadlock there and—which could affect the work of the Church. We are concerned about the possibility of centralization of power within one agency which would have control both of the amount of money to be raised and also the way in which that money is spent in programming. I reiterate, the GCFA still sets the financial limits in our proposed change, but GCOM allocates this to the various boards and agencies as it sees fit.

Perfection of Majority Report

The Chair explained that, under the Rules, the Conference should now return to the perfection of the majority report. *Ernest W. Lee* (Southern New Jersey) asked a question about the legislative committee recommendation on proposed Par. 913.3. He explained that his specific concern was that this not create a problem with respect to funds which were now to be raised by means of general Advance specials for the missional priorities. Mr. Moore responded.

Lloyd M. Bertholf (Central Illinois) asked for information on

the committee vote on this report. *Mr. Reid* replied that the vote on Calendar No. 557 was 75 for, none against, and one not voting, with the understanding that there would be a minority report on the one section; he explained that these figures had been inadvertently omitted from the printed report.

John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois) made a statement regarding the meaning of the majority and minority reports with respect to the World Service budget recommendation process.

Perfection of Minority Report

The Chair called for the perfection of the minority report. Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania) asked whether the minority report would still permit joint hearings of agency budget requests with participation by both Councils; *Mr. Reid* replied that it would. *William D. White* (Northern Illinois) spoke in support of the minority report. Joyce D. Sohl (Rocky Mountain) spoke against it.

David H. Andrews (Baltimore) identified Calendar No. 330 as a minority report of the Committee on Council on Ministries which was identical to this minority report. *Merrill W. Drennan* (Baltimore) spoke against the minority report. *Mr. Reid* made a final statement in behalf of the minority report.

Mr. Boswell: This legislation as presented by the majority report assures consultation between GCFA and the Council on Ministries in arriving at budget items across the board. In no local church represented on the floor of this conference would the budget committee write a blank check and turn it over to the Council on Ministries without having consultation on where those funds were to be spent in programming through the year. The same thing is applicable at the general Church level at this point.

The Chair called for the vote on the minority report, and it was defeated.

Report No. 49, Calendar No. 557—Final Action

Report No. 49 was put to a vote and was adopted (see page 1724).

Report No. 84, Calendar No. 935

Mr. Moore called on John B. Russell (Virginia) for presentation of the report. Mr. Russell explained that the effect of the report would be to amend the disciplinary paragraph governing the composition of the Board of Publication; the report was adopted (see page 1763).

Report No. 52, Calendar No. 630

Mr. Russell explained that the report was a committee recommendation for nonconcurrence with a petition calling for the Board of Pensions to become a full participating member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. The report was adopted (see page 1753).

Report No. 47, Calendar No. 555

Mr. Russell explained that the report had been unintentionally omitted from the list of items covered in the omnibus referral motion, that the committee recommendation was for referral to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries, and that it pertained to the Rio Grande Conference. The report was adopted (see page 1724).

Committee on Independent Commissions

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, called on *Hector Navas* (Florida) for reports from the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions.

Report No. 38, Calendar No. 500 (see page 1849)

Mr. Navas explained that the report dealt with a disciplinary paragraph which had already been dealt with in connection with Conference action on another report, and that the committee wished to propose what was contained in this report as a substitute for what had been previously adopted. The Chair stated that the Conference would have to reconsider its previous action in order for this report to be in order. The Assistant Secretary asked for the calendar number under which the previous action had been recorded. *Wayne E. Shoemaker* (Iowa) reported that the reference was to Par. 813.5 as found in Calendar No. 388 (Committee on Administrative Order, Report No. 95, see page 1906). In response to a question from the Chair, *Mr. Shoemaker* explained that the Conference had amended the legislative committee recommendation on this paragraph, and that the report now before the Conference was closer to the original Administrative Order committee recommendation. The motion to reconsider was put to a vote and was defeated.

Report No. 40, Calendar No. 502

Mr. Navas stated that the Conference had acted earlier to refer a matter similar to what was contained in this report; he identified the earlier report as Calendar No. 218 (Committee on Administrative Order Report No. 38, see page 1880). He moved that this report, dealing with the composition of the Judicial

Council, likewise be referred to the General Council on Ministries. The motion to refer was adopted (see page 1850).

Report No. 41, Calendar No. 503

Mr. Navas moved to defer action on this report, dealing with lay members' right to vote on conference relations of ministers, until the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry had reported on the same subject; the motion to defer was adopted (see page 1850).

Report No. 51, Calendar No. 513

Mr. Navas moved to defer action on this report also, pending a report from another committee. The Assistant Secretary reported that the Conference had already voted nonconcurrence on this item, and the Chair ruled that the motion to defer was not in order.

Question Regarding Report No. 38

Mr. Navas called on *Perry H. Saito* (Wisconsin) for the presentation of the next report. James A. Summers (Western North Carolina) asked about the disposition of Report No. 38 (see above, page 547). The Chair stated that failure to reconsider the previous action meant that the Conference had rejected Report No. 38.

Report No. 62, Calendar No. 984

Mr. Saito identified the report as the Bicentennial Resolution and moved its adoption. Theodore L. Agnew (Oklahoma) asked if it would be in order to propose a substitute for the report; the Chair replied that it would. *Thomas L. Cromwell* (East Ohio) asked whether a substitute was in order before *Mr. Saito* had the opportunity to speak; the Chair replied that *Mr. Saito* would have the opportunity to speak before a vote was taken. Mr. Agnew moved as a substitute that the "Report of the Committee on the Bicentennial—USA, A Draft Resolution" (see page 236) be added to the legislative committee report, and that both documents be referred to the Council of Bishops for implementation and reconciling. The Chair asked for clarification on the nature of the substitute, and Mr. Agnew replied that he wished to add to the legislative committee report and refer it. The Chair asked for further clarification on the material Mr. Agnew wished to add, and he identified it as the material which had been referred to the legislative committee earlier in the Conference. The Chair asked if Mr. Agnew was willing to have his motion

treated as a motion to refer rather than as a substitute, and Mr. Agnew agreed. Mr. Agnew spoke in support of his motion. At the Chair's request, the Assistant Secretary repeated the motion.

Gloster B. Current (New York): Speaking against the motion to refer. The original draft document was referred to the Independent Commissions of which I was a member as well as the gentlemen on the platform. Through the document an acceptable document has come forth. The only essential difference between the original document and that which is now before you on page 623 is a very careful exacting statement on repentance which addresses itself to the feelings of the Native American, the Black Americans, the Japanese-Americans, and the Hispanics.

I would hope that we would not refer this to the Council of Bishops, although we love them and think they could do quite well. Having this printed and available to read for some time, this body ought to be able to deal affirmatively with the work of the committee.

Kathy LaPoint (California-Nevada) asked when the Council of Bishops would meet next; the Chair replied that the next meeting would be in November. *David L. Severe* (Oklahoma) asked a question about the time the legislative committee had spent dealing with the original document which was referred to them; *Mr. Saito* replied to the question and indicated further that the committee recommendation included a great deal of language from the original document. Mr. Agnew's motion to refer was put to a vote and was defeated.

Katherine W. Wilcox (West Michigan) spoke in favor of the committee report. Sandra Baker (Virginia) moved to amend the report, the section headed "Rejoicing," by inserting the name of Richard Allen after that of William Otterbein.

Henry H. Nichols (Eastern Pennsylvania): Mr. Chairman, a matter of correction. Richard Allen came along a little later. If we are going to name anyone in here it ought to be Harry Hosier, who accompanied Richard Allen. I would hope that our friend would make the correction, because Richard Allen is the one who withdrew. It would seem to me that if we want to recognize we ought to recognize sometimes the son who stayed home—and that's Harry Hosier.

Ms. Baker accepted the change, and the amendment was adopted.

Albert C. Outler (North Texas) moved to amend the report by deleting all of the introductory material preceding the resolution. He spoke in support of his amendment. *John E. Rutland* (North Alabama) spoke against it. The Chair asked if the Conference was ready to vote, and the previous question was voted. *Dr. Outler's* amendment was defeated.

Mr. Saito made a final statement in behalf of the report, and it was adopted (see page 1867).

Matter of Privilege

Raiji M. Rathod (Gujarat): Since we have passed this Bicentennial Resolution, I would like to say this. It is a matter of great joy and privilege that this General Conference has met during the Bicentennial Year of this great nation. We rejoice with you and wish you God's richest blessings on America in the coming years. I would like to quote a favorite hymn as my prayer: "Oh, God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Be Thou her guide while life shall last, and her eternal home."

Committee on Independent Commissions, Report No. 61, Calendar No. 983

Mr. Navas identified the report as the committee's response to the Episcopal Address, and it was adopted (see page 1866).

Mr. Navas expressed appreciation to the committee's members and officers.

Committee on Council on Ministries

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the legislative Committee on Council on Ministries, *G. Ross Freeman* (South Georgia), chairman.

Report No. 20 (Majority and Minority Reports); Calendar Nos. 329-330

Mr. Freeman identified the report as proposed legislation pertaining to the General Council on Ministries. He reminded the Conference that, by its action on an earlier Committee on Financial Administration report (Report No. 49, see page 545), it had also acted on this minority report, Calendar No. 330 (see page 1800). He called on *Robert J. McCune* (Central New York) for presentation of the report.

Mr. McCune identified material in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* to which the report was related and presented changes and corrections to be made in the previously printed material: 1) proposed Par. 1006.1a, amend the upper age limits for youth and young adults at the time of their election to 18 and 30, respectively; 2) proposed Par. 1006.1c, after the words "one-third clergy," add "with specific consideration given to representation of clergywomen"; 3) proposed Par. 1006.4c, add a new third sentence, to read as follows: "The director shall cooperate with the General Secretary of the General Council on Ministries for coordination of the Advance with the total program of the church"; and 4) proposed Par. 1006.4d, after the word "director" add, "directly related to his or her work as director, not including salary or related benefits." He reiterated that the issue addressed in the minority report had been resolved by

earlier Conference action, and that the minority report was therefore no longer before the Conference.

C. Rex Bevins (Nebraska) asked a question about a provision in the report establishing the age limits for youth and young adult members of the Council; *Mr. McCune* responded.

Charles H. Stewart, III (Florida) moved that the age limits for youth members become effective January 1, 1977; he explained that some jurisdictional youth caucuses had already met and made nominations based on the old legislation. The motion was adopted. Report No. 20 was adopted (see page 1788).

Report No. 12, Calendar No. 321

Mr. Freeman called on Robert D. Cheyne (North Arkansas) for presentation of the report. Mr. Cheyne explained that the report consisted of the committee recommendations on revised legislation governing the Joint Committee on Communications. The report was adopted (see page 1778).

Report No. 45, Calendar No. 758 (see page 1818)

Mr. Freeman called on Ruth Daugherty (Eastern Pennsylvania) for the presentation of the report, which dealt with special days without offering. She referred to Committee on Local Church Report No. 32 (see page 1649) and stated that the committee had accepted a minor change in the wording of the provision for World Order Sunday as proposed there.

Mrs. Daugherty then called attention to Committee on Church and Society Report No. 29 (see page 1153), noting that the recommendation there was for Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday to be observed on the third Sunday in February, while the Council on Ministries Committee was recommending that the observance remain on the second Sunday in November. John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairman of the Committee on Church and Society, explained that his committee proposed the change in order to avoid conflict with local churches' every member commitment programs. He moved to amend Calendar No. 758 to provide for the observance on the third Sunday in February. Mrs. Daugherty indicated that the Council on Ministries Committee would have no strong objection to the change, and the amendment was adopted.

James F. W. Talley (Baltimore) moved to amend the report, proposed Par. 267.2d, by adding language relating to the raising of funds for the Missional Priorities Fund on Laity Day. Mrs. Daugherty asked whether this was a proper amendment, since the report dealt with special days without offering. The Chair ruled that the amendment was not in order.

Rebecca K. Barger (Baltimore) asked why there was no reference to Evangelism Sunday in the report. Mrs. Daugherty replied that Conference action establishing Evangelism Sunday had only occurred earlier in this session (see above, page 543).

John D. Humphrey, Sr. (North Mississippi) moved to amend the report by adding a new subsection *h* to read as follows: "h. Student Recognition Day—the last Sunday in December." The Chair asked if this appeared elsewhere in the committee's report, and Mrs. Daugherty replied that it did not. *Mr. Humphrey* spoke in support of his amendment. Mrs. Daugherty stated that the committee would not oppose it. *Donald E. Carper* (Kansas West) asked a question about the relationship between Student Recognition Day and United Methodist Student Day; *Mr. Humphrey* responded. *Robert J. McCune* (Central New York) called attention to the fact that the General Council on Ministries was charged with the task of making recommendations regarding special days without offerings, that it had established a procedure for considering suggested special days, and that Heritage Sunday and World Order Sunday were the only two being recommended by the Council as a result of this procedure.

Edward L. Duncan (Detroit) referred to two special days which had been recommended by the Committee on Discipleship: Covenant Sunday, to be observed the second Sunday in January, and Evangelism Sunday, established earlier in the evening as the Sunday following Ash Wednesday. He noted the possibility of conflict between Evangelism Sunday and the new date for World Order Sunday and moved that the report be referred briefly to the legislative committee chairperson for the purpose of resolving possible conflicts. The Chair asked that *Mr. Duncan* hold his motion until action had been taken on *Mr. Humphrey's* amendment.

Earle N. Cooper (Troy) moved the previous question on all before the Conference, and the previous question motion was adopted. *Mr. Humphrey's* amendment was put to a vote and adopted. *Mr. Freeman* suggested that the report be referred to the General Council on Ministries for the purpose of coordinating the dates. The Chair suggested that it could be referred with power to act. The report was put to a vote and was adopted (see page 1818).

Mr. Freeman moved that the report as adopted be referred to the General Council on Ministries for the purpose of reconciling the various dates. The motion was adopted.

Report No. 28, Calendar No. 527

Mr. Freeman presented the report, which recommended the

establishment of a Quadrennial Study Committee on Native-American Ministries. Torrey A. Kaatz (West Ohio) asked a question about staff for the proposed committee and the source of its funding. *Mr. Freeman* replied that the staff would be as stated in the report and that it was to be funded from money designated for the ethnic minority local church missional priority. *Melvin G. Talbert* (Southern California-Arizona) asked for additional information regarding which portion of the ethnic minority funds would bear the cost of the study committee. *Mr. Freeman* replied that it would come from part 6 of the fund distribution ("Special Funding"). Reta Barto (Eastern Pennsylvania) asked who had initiated the proposed study.

Thomas Roughface, Sr. (Oklahoma Indian Missionary): Mr. Chairman, obviously I am speaking for the Native American Studies Commission for the quadrennium. Throughout our history we have been one of the most studied species, at one time even considered an endangered species. Volumes have been written about us. Many, many conclusions drawn in our regard.

Now, we call upon General Conference to give us the right to set up the machinery by which we will be able to effectively conduct our own study. We believe we have the structure and the dynamic leadership within the ranks of Native Americans to do just such a study, and deal with the real issues now confronting Native Americans. And I want to say to General Conference, in 1966 I attended a first what was labeled a Consultation on Indian Work held at Riverside Drive, New York City, then the Board of Missions. Representatives of all Indian work of the former Methodist Church were invited and present. There were many in attendance. However, I was the only Native American. For obvious reasons I felt as though I was the Lone Ranger.

That was 10 years ago. Time and determination has made a big difference. Native Americans are now visible and attempting to find their place in our Church community, and have demonstrated they are quite capable of giving leadership in our crucial times. I appeal to your support for our study committee. Thank you.

The report was adopted (see page 1805).

Report No. 47, Calendar No. 760

Mr. Freeman identified the report as a recommendation for a study on the headquarters location of the Board of Global Ministries. He explained that the report needed to be corrected to conform with the action of the legislative committee; the printed report should be amended by adding to section 4) the words, "bring its recommendations to the 1980 General Conference, and by deleting section 5), which would have given the committee authority to "develop a firm proposal for action . . ." The report was adopted (see page 1819).

Report No. 65, Calendar No. 830

Mr. Freeman explained that the report consisted of a resolution having to do with the process which the General

Council on Ministries would use in determining emerging priorities. The report was adopted (see page 1826).

Report No. 68, Calendar No. 833

Mr. Freeman identified the report as a recommendation that the report of the Advance Committee be received with commendation, and it was adopted (see page 1827).

Report No. 67, Calendar No. 832

Mr. Freeman called attention to material in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Tuesday, April 27, pages 19-27. He explained that this material, found in the "Addendum to the General Council on Ministries Reports, Recommendations, and Resolutions" and dealing with the missional priorities, was to be substituted for comparable material in Advance Edition D of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. *Mr. Freeman* noted that the committee recommendation was that these materials be received. The report was adopted (see page 1827).

Report No. 29, Calendar No. 528

Mr. Freeman stated that the report was in response to petitions suggesting evaluation of the disciplinary educational requirements for ministers from minority groups, and that the recommendation was for referral to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry for study and possible implementation; the report was adopted (see page 1805).

Mr. Freeman reported that this completed the work of the Committee on Council on Ministries, except for items included in the list of 100% concurrence reports.

Committee on Church and Society

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Church and Society, John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairman.

Report No. 45 (Majority and Minority); Calendar Nos. 893, 525 (see pages 1206, 1258)

Mr. Stumbo identified the report as the committee's omnibus Resolution on Human Relations and called on *Julieanne S. Hallman* (Southern New England) for presentation of the majority report. He identified Calendar No. 525 as the related minority report. *Ms. Hallman* made an introductory statement on the majority report.

Calendar No. 525—Minority Report

G. Ross Freeman (South Georgia) expressed the opinion that Calendar No. 525 was not actually a minority report, but that it was instead a call for referral of the material in the majority report. He expressed support for referral and moved that Calendar No. 893 be referred to the Board of Church and Society.

After examining Calendar No. 525, the Chair ruled that it was not properly a minority report, but was a report of general concurrence asking that, without specific approval, the material be referred and commended. The Chair asked for clarification of *Mr. Freeman's* motion, and *Mr. Freeman* replied that he was moving referral with commendation.

JoAnn Wilshusen (Southwest Texas) expressed the view that the section related to the Equal Rights Amendment was of such urgency that it should receive the positive action of the Conference rather than referral. She moved that this section be lifted out from the material being referred and considered for adoption. She identified the section headed "VI. WOMEN, A. Equal Rights for Women" as the portion of the report to which her motion was to apply. The Chair explained that her motion was essentially an amendment to *Mr. Freeman's* motion of referral.

Richard S. Parker (New York) attempted to speak against *Mr. Freeman's* motion, but the Chair ruled that only debate related to Mrs. Wilshusen's amendment was in order. The amendment deleting section VI, A from the material being referred was adopted.

Charles Purdham (Minnesota) moved that a section of the report entitled "XI, H. CONCLUSION" be similarly lifted out from the material being referred. The motion was adopted.

Miriam Isaacs (New York) spoke in favor of adoption of a section of the report dealing with the hunger crisis and hungry children. The Chair asked for clarification as to the section to which Ms. Isaacs was referring, and she identified the section headed "XI. HUMAN HUNGER AND THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS."

The Chair made a statement to clarify that those sections being removed from the report for possible adoption would still be subject to acceptance or rejection by the Conference, and that "what we are doing as we refer is concurring and sending with commendation that which we refer." Mr. Stumbo asked to have clarified that the motion was to refer with concurrence, and the Chair replied that that was the case. Mr. Stumbo asked also that someone representing the signers of the minority report be allowed to speak, but the Chair stated that that would not be in

order inasmuch as he had ruled that Calendar No. 525 was not properly a minority report. *Douglas F. Verdin* (New York) asked for further assurance that the motion was to refer with concurrence, stating that such assurance might help the Conference move expeditiously on the report. The Chair replied that it was his interpretation "that *Dr. Freeman* changed this substitute into a motion to refer with concurrence and commendation."

N. Robert Kesler (Southern California) attempted to speak against the motion to refer, but the Chair ruled him out of order, explaining that only Ms. Isaacs' motion on section XI was now before the Conference for debate.

Heinz P. Fischer (South Germany) moved to suspend the rules in order to move the previous question on all before the Conference. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted. The previous question motion was then adopted.

John Blundell (Little Rock) raised a point of order, stating that, on the basis of the numbering of the sections, the report appeared to be incomplete. The Chair replied that the point of order was not germane and that the Conference was under the order of the previous question.

L. Carroll Yingling, Jr. (Baltimore) asked whether the proposed referral was to the church or to the Board of Church and Society. The Chair replied that it was to the board, that *Mr. Freeman's* motion differed from Calendar No. 525 at this point.

William C. Kirkwood (New York) called attention to additional discrepancies in numbering in the report as printed.

The Chair put the question of the deletion of section XI as proposed by Ms. Isaacs to a vote, and the Conference voted not to delete the section from the material being referred.

J. Melvin Brawn (California-Nevada) attempted to make a statement regarding the parliamentary situation, but the Chair called for the Conference to vote on the motion to refer. *Mr. Freeman's* motion was adopted as amended by the deletion of the two sections covered by Mrs. Wilshusen's and *Mr. Purdham's* amendments (see page 1206).

Calendar No. 893—Action on Sections Not Referred

The Chair called for action on section VI, A, which had been deleted from the material being referred by action on Mrs. Wilshusen's amendment (see above, page 555). *Ms. Hallman* moved its adoption.

William B. Grove (Western Pennsylvania) identified himself as the spokesman for the signers of the minority report, Calendar No. 525, and asked the Chair to interpret why that item was not

suitable as a minority report. The Chair ruled that he was out of order and called for the vote on *Ms. Hallman's* motion. Section VI, A of Calendar No. 893 was adopted (see page 1216).

The Chair then called for action on section XI, H, which had been similarly deleted by action on *Mr. Purdham's* amendment (see above, page 555). *Ms. Hallman* moved adoption of the section. The Chair asked for clarification on the scope of the material affected. *Mr. Purdham* replied and explained that at the time he made the motion he had not understood that all of the material was being referred with concurrence; he stated that the purpose of his motion had been to concur and refer to the Board of Church and Society for implementation. The Chair stated that such concurrence and referral would be understood as the motion now before the Conference, and the motion was adopted (see page 1247).

Motion to Permit Editorial Changes

Mr. Stumbo moved that, to facilitate publication of the material submitted in Calendar No. 893, the committee in consultation with the secretarial staff be permitted to make some editorial changes. He noted that there did appear to be problems with the numbering of the sections. The Chair asked if there were problems of a substantive nature, and Mr. Stumbo replied that there were not. The motion was adopted.

Report No. 46, Calendar No. 894

Mr. Stumbo identified the report as a Resolution on Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice, and Conflict Resolution. He presented a change which needed to be made in the printed report, namely, that Section I, B, 2 be changed to read: "The development of appropriate jury selection procedures which would insure more inclusive representation, including representation of the socio-economic class and ethnic group of the defendant." He also presented an editorial change in the numbering of paragraphs in the report. In response to a question from the Chair, the Conference indicated by show of hands that it was ready to vote on the report. The report was adopted (see page 1259).

Church and Society Reports Concluded

Mr. Stumbo expressed appreciation to the committee's vice-chairwoman, Carolyn Oehler (Northern Illinois), to its secretary, *Lester L. Moore* (Iowa), and to the members of the committee.

Parliamentary Inquiry

Clarence A. Guittard (North Texas): I'd like to understand the meaning of referral with concurrence. Does that mean that all of that resolution was referred to the Board of Church and Society with concurrence? Then the Board of Church and Society would be able to take the position that this resolution represents that which was adopted without, what I consider, due consideration. It represents the official statement and policy determination of The United Methodist Church, and that can be presented to the Congress of the United States, as The United Methodist policy. Is that what that means?

Bishop Loder: I would say that we generally concurred that the statement has in it some specifics that mean that they are going to have to be studied and worked over. It's a matter of reference without specifics being concurred in.

The Chair asked if the Conference would agree to his explanation, and it was agreed by a show of hands.

Omnibus Concurrence Motion

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, stated that he wished at this time to ask for Conference action on an omnibus motion he had presented earlier in the session; he explained again that the motion covered reports which had received legislative committee concurrence with no negative votes and which had been placed on a list which was in delegates' hands. At the Chair's suggestion *Mr. Hodapp* outlined the other reports which were to be presented following action on the omnibus motion.

Mr. Hodapp presented changes in the list of calendar items to be included in the omnibus concurrence motion. *Thomas A. Langford* (Western North Carolina) presented additional changes in the same list as it related to reports of the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry.

Mr. Hodapp explained that he wished to read the motion he would introduce, but that before introducing it, opportunity would be given for items to be removed from the list. The motion he would introduce would be that these calendar reports which were voted concurrence with no negative votes be voted concurrence, and that any other calendar items not listed and not specifically voted on by the delegates at this Conference be voted nonconcurrence.

Richard O. Truitt (Wisconsin) observed that there were reports from the Committee on Church and Society which had not been presented and were not on the list. The Chair replied that, under the terms of the motion *Mr. Hodapp* had read, they would be recorded as having received nonconcurrence action by the Conference. *Mr. Hodapp* reported that, according to Mr. Stumbo, there were five items from the Committee on Church and Society which had received negative votes and which Mr. Stumbo had not brought to the floor.

Don Hand (Southwest Texas) asked that Calendar No. 904 (Committee on Church and Society Report No. 56) be deleted from the list for the purpose of voting nonconcurrence. He made a statement objecting to the procedure which was being followed. In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Hand stated that he also wanted to propose deletion of Calendar No. 1034 and 399 (Committee on Church and Society Report Nos. 66 and 37) from the list. He explained that in Calendar Nos. 904 and 1034 as printed there was insufficient information as to what action the Conference was being asked to approve.

Mr. Hand: I have a separate reason for wishing to consider 399 and to nonconcur with it. And that reason is that the United States is referred to in critical language that I do not believe is justified, and several other countries that have delegations in their Church at this Conference are condemned, and I think that we don't have adequate reason or discussion to justify condemning all of these countries named in that resolution.

Mr. Hodapp reminded the Conference that the procedure suggested earlier was for delegates to present items one at a time for possible deletion from the list. The Chair stated that the items presented by Mr. Hand would be considered for deletion in separate votes.

With respect to Calendar No. 904, Mr. Stumbo stated that, in the judgment of the committee, the petition was identical in substance with another calendar item entitled "The United Methodist Church and World Peace," and that that was the reason for reporting it in this manner. The Conference voted not to delete Calendar No. 904 from the list of unanimous concurrence reports.

With respect to Calendar No. 1034, Mr. Stumbo explained that the committee recommendation of concurrence with the petitions listed had been omitted from the report as printed. He stated that these were petitions requesting that no change be made in the "Human Sexuality" subsection of the Statement of Social Principles. Inasmuch as the committee recommended no change in that section, it also reported a recommendation of concurrence with these petitions. The Conference voted not to delete Calendar No. 1034 from the list of unanimous concurrence reports.

Report No. 37, Calendar No. 399 (see page 1195)

Carl Judy (Korean Methodist Church) objected to the fact that the procedure which had been adopted would now preclude overseas delegates from speaking in favor of the removal of Calendar No. 399 from the unanimous concurrence list. Follow-

ing a brief discussion between *Mr. Judy* and the Chair, *Mr. Hodapp* suggested that *Mr. Judy* be granted the opportunity to speak, and the Chair agreed.

Mr. Judy: Calendar Item 399 deals with many of the overseas countries. The overseas delegates have not spoken because most of the business did not affect them. This report does affect Korea, the Philippines, Chile, Brazil and others. Some of these groups desire to speak to this report and give another view. Some feel this report does not represent the real situation. The Korean delegation would like to speak and seek an opportunity for objectionable sections to be deleted. They did not vote against this report in the Legislative Committee because they cannot vote. There are probably other delegations here who also have come under the attack of this report who also might like to speak.

Mr. Judy concluded his remarks by listing alternative actions the Conference could take on the report which would be acceptable to his delegation. Mr. Stumbo declined the opportunity to make a statement on behalf of the committee. *Gregorio R. Bailen* (Northwest Philippines) asked for the opportunity to make a statement on behalf of the Philippines. The Conference voted to delete Calendar No. 399 from the unanimous concurrence list for the purpose of separate consideration (see below, page 564).

Question Regarding Procedure

J. R. Kemmerly (Louisiana) referred to Calendar No. 395 (Committee on Church and Society Report No. 33). He noted that it had not been adopted unanimously in the committee and was therefore not in the list now being considered by the Conference, but neither had it been presented to the Conference for separate action. Mr. Stumbo explained again that there were five such items which had not been presented due to the pressure of time. Mr. Kemmerly asked if there was any procedure by which Calendar No. 395 could be called for consideration. The Chair asked that the matter be deferred until action on the unanimous concurrence list was complete.

Omnibus Concurrence List—Consideration Resumed

Charles H. Stewart, III (Florida) asked that Calendar No. 1017 (Committee on Conferences Report No. 121) be removed from the unanimous concurrence list and held for separate consideration. He explained that he wished to propose an amendment which would change the terminology contained in the report as it related to the jurisdictional youth organization. *Bruce Blake* (Kansas West), chairman of the legislative committee, responded. The Conference voted not to delete Calendar No. 1017 from the unanimous concurrence list.

Willie B. Clay (Northern Illinois) asked a question about a Higher Education and Ministry report; *Mr. Hodapp* responded.

James S. Barrett (South Carolina) asked that Calendar No. 882 (Committee on Higher Education and Ministry Report No. 154) be removed from the list and held for separate consideration. *Dr. Langford,* chairman of the legislative committee, expressed willingness for the report to be considered separately, but the Conference voted not to delete the item from the unanimous concurrence list.

James F. W. Talley (Baltimore) asked that Calendar No. 597 (Committee on Local Church Report No. 32) be lifted from the list and held for separate consideration. Woodrow Seals (Texas), chairman of the legislative committee, spoke against the request. The Conference voted not to delete the item from the unanimous concurrence list.

J. Melvin Brawn (California-Nevada) asked that Calendar No. 655 (Committee on Local Church Report No. 52) be lifted from the unanimous concurrence list. He stated that there were inconsistencies in the report and that he would like to have them referred to the Board of Discipleship for study and clarification for the next General Conference. Mr. Seals expressed willingness for the report to be deleted from the list, and it was voted to remove it for separate consideration.

Carl E. Price (Detroit) asked which Committee on Financial Administration reports were yet to be presented to the Conference. At *Mr. Hodapp's* request, Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio), chairman of the committee, reported his intention to present Calendar Nos. 971, 559, 933, and 635.

Harold W. Dellit (Iowa) asked that Calendar No. 654 (Committee on Financial Administration Report No. 76) be removed from the unanimous concurrence list and held for separate consideration. The Conference voted not to remove it from the list.

A. McKay Brabham, Jr. (South Carolina) was recognized, but stated that the matter he had wished to raise had already been presented by another delegate.

Thomas F. Stevenson (North Alabama) asked for the opportunity to present a motion related to the legislation governing membership of the General Council on Finance and Administration whenever it was presented. Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio), chairman of the Committee on Financial Administration, reported that all legislation related to that Council had already been adopted.

Woodrow Seals (Texas) referred to the Conference action removing Calendar No. 655 from the unanimous concurrence list (see above); he explained that, contrary to the earlier statement, his committee did oppose its removal from the list, and he

asked that the Conference action removing it be reconsidered. The Chair stated that it had been removed only for the purpose of separate consideration and that it could be discussed at the time it was presented.

Mr. Stevenson (North Alabama) asked again about the GCFA legislation, but Mr. Moore repeated that the Conference had already acted on it.

Mr. Brabham (South Carolina) asked as a matter of privilege for the opportunity to state why he had wanted Calendar No. 654 (see above) removed from the unanimous concurrence list. He explained that he wished to amend the report in a manner that would allow the Basic Salary Plan to remain as a disciplinary option, because his annual conference was studying such a plan. Mr. Moore responded on behalf of the Committee on Financial Administration. The Conference again voted not to remove the item from the unanimous concurrence list.

Roger G. Roberts (West Virginia) asked that Calendar No. 506 (Committee on Independent Commissions Report No. 44) be removed from the list and held for separate consideration. He spoke in favor of his request, and *Mr. Navas*, chairman of the legislative committee, responded. The Conference voted not to remove the item from the list.

Wayne E. Shoemaker (Iowa) stated that Calendar Nos. 497, 498, 499, 504, and 505 (Committee on Independent Commissions Report Nos. 35-37, 42-43) should be removed from the unanimous concurrence list, because they were in direct contradiction to legislation already adopted in Calendar No. 388 (Committee on Administrative Order Report No. 95). They were removed from the list by vote of the Conference.

Harvey L. Watson (North Carolina) stated that Calendar No. 508 (Committee on Independent Commissions Report No. 46) should be deleted from the unanimous concurrence list, because it was related to the report of the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry and was in direct conflict with that report. *Mr. Navas* stated that the item had been referred, and the Chair ruled that if it was referred it should automatically be removed from the unanimous concurrence list.

Walter B. Rutland (Florida) stated that there were three reports from the Committee on Independent Commissions which in his judgment were substantive and which should have been referred to other committees. He referred to Calendar No. 509 (Report No. 47); *Mr. Navas* replied that it had been adopted by the Committee. In response to a question from the Chair, *Mr. Rutland* stated that if it had not been referred to another legislative committee, he would like to have it removed from the

unanimous concurrence list for the purpose of separate consideration. *Mr. Navas* reiterated that the report had received a 100% concurrence vote in the committee, and the Conference voted not to remove it from the unanimous concurrence list.

Mr. Rutland then referred to Calendar No. 511 (Report No. 49) and asked whether it had been referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry. *Mr. Navas* replied that it had, and the Chair stated that it should then be deleted from the unanimous concurrence list.

Vivienne Gray (Texas) called attention to Calendar No. 242 (Committee on Church and Society Report No. 20); she observed that the printed report showed it as having 5 negative votes and questioned whether it was properly included in the unanimous concurrence list. Mr. Stumbo, chairman of the legislative committee, replied that it had been included because it was a follow-up to the resolution on Panama Canal Treaty Negotiations (Report No. 3, Calendar No. 109). Mrs. Gray asked for information about Conference action on Calendar No. 109, and Mr. Stumbo replied that it had been adopted.

Floyd H. Coffman (Kansas East) again called attention to Calendar No. 506 (Committee on Independent Commissions Report No. 44; see above). He pointed out that it precluded the possibility of clergymen being nominated to membership on the Board of Pensions by the Council of Bishops. *Mr. Navas* expressed willingness to have the report considered separately if it was the will of the Conference, but the Conference again voted not to remove the item from the unanimous concurrence list.

Paul Hardin (Northern New Jersey) asked for permission to try again to have Calendar No. 882 (Committee on Higher Education and Ministry Report No. 154) removed from the unanimous concurrence list. He explained the amendment he wished to offer, but the Conference voted not to remove it from the list.

Theressa Hoover (New York) asked that Calendar No. 995 (Committee on Conferences Report No. 100) be removed from the unanimous concurrence list. She spoke in support of her request. *Bruce Blake* (Kansas West), chairman of the committee, stated that the committee had considered the point Ms. Hoover had raised, but that it had voted unanimously for the report as printed. The Conference voted not to remove it from the list.

At the Chair's request, the Assistant Secretary read the item numbers which had been removed from the unanimous concurrence list. Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) attempted to offer a motion related to one of the items, but the Chair asked him to wait.

Thomas Moore (East Ohio) stated that Calendar No. 510

(Committee on Independent Commissions Report No. 48) was in direct conflict with legislation already passed, and that the chairman of the Independent Commissions committee had expressed willingness for it to be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Harold W. Dellit (Iowa) asked a question about how editorial changes might be made in the items being adopted as a part of the unanimous concurrence list. The Chair stated that a motion would be offered later to deal with that. The Chair called for a vote on the unanimous concurrence items which had not been lifted for individual consideration, and they were adopted.

Committee on Church and Society, Report No. 37, Calendar No. 399

Leonard Slutz (West Ohio) moved that the report, removed earlier from the unanimous concurrence list, be referred to the Board of Church and Society without any expression of opinion, except the expression of the opinion of the committee. John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairman of the legislative committee, spoke in opposition to referral and in favor of adoption of the report. The motion to refer was adopted (see page 1195).

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, suggested that, before acting on other reports which had been removed from the unanimous concurrence list, reports from the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry be heard. The procedure was approved by vote of the Conference.

Report Nos. 116, 182; Calendar Nos. 494, 1048

Thomas A. Langford (Western North Carolina), chairman of the legislative committee, presented the report, which was to complete action on the recommendations of the Bishop and District Superintendent Study Commission's report (see pages 1929-1932). He explained that Report No. 182 contained the legislative committee's recommendations for the reassignment of functions which the study commission had originally assigned to a General Committee on the Episcopacy. He stated that the committee had reviewed the transcript of the Conference's action on the proposal for a General Committee and had concluded that the intention of the Conference was the complete removal of the General Committee on Episcopacy and the transfer of its functions to the jurisdictional committees. Accordingly, Report No. 182 contained detailed recommendations for removal of all references to the General Committee, the transfer of many of its

functions to the jurisdictional committees or, in one instance, to the GCFA, and the deletion of the remaining functions.

Dr. Langford then presented proposed legislation governing the jurisdictional Committees on Episcopacy and moved its adoption, as amended by Report No. 182. The legislation was adopted as amended.

Dr. Langford presented the proposed legislation governing conference Committees on Episcopacy. *Donald W. Durham* (Kentucky) asked whether the legislation was proposed for adoption as originally submitted by the Study Commission or as amended by the legislative committee. *Dr. Langford* replied that the legislative committee amendments were to be included in what he was presenting for adoption. *Mr. Durham* moved to amend the proposed legislation by restoring the original Study Commission language in section 2. It was noted that the legislative committee version would mandate at least three meetings of the committee annually. *Mr. Durham* spoke in support of his amendment, and *Dr. Langford* spoke in behalf of the committee language. The amendment was adopted. The proposed legislation as amended was then adopted.

Dr. Langford presented the proposed legislation governing the Committee on District Superintendency. James A. Starr (Detroit) proposed an amendment, but it failed for lack of a second. *James L. Carraway* (Western Pennsylvania) moved to amend the report by deleting the proposed legislation for a Committee on District Superintendency in its entirety. He spoke in support of his amendment. *Jim T. Pickens* (Northwest Texas) spoke against it. Tal Oden (Oklahoma) made a final statement against the amendment on behalf of the committee. The amendment was defeated.

Boyd E. Wagner (Southern Illinois) moved to amend the proposed legislation by restoring the wording of the Study Commission in section 3, thus eliminating the legislative committee recommendation which would require the committees to meet at least three times annually. The amendment was adopted.

Nadine Hardin (North Arkansas) moved to amend the proposed legislation, section 1, by substituting "two" for "three" in each category of membership, thus reducing the committee to ten members. The amendment was adopted. Earle N. Cooper (Troy) moved that the minimum number of clergy on the committee be reduced from five to three. *Dr. Langford* accepted the amendment on behalf of the committee. The proposed legislation governing the Committee on the District Superintendency was adopted as amended.

Dr. Langford moved the approval of the Study Commission report as a whole, with all of the amendments which had been made. He explained that constitutional amendments which had been a part of the original report were no longer included, because, with the removal of the General Committee on Episcopacy, they were no longer needed. *Willie B. Clay* (Northern Illinois) moved to reconsider the portion of the report having to do with reassignment of the functions of the General Committee on Episcopacy. He explained the purpose of his motion to reconsider, but it was defeated. The report was adopted as a whole (see page 1909).

Motion of Implementation

Paul V. Shearer (Iowa) presented a motion of implementation for the newly-adopted legislation providing for annual conference nominees for episcopal election (see page 1917, Par. 505.1). The motion was as follows: "For 1976, biographical data of the annual conference nominees shall be made available to the delegates prior to, or at the first business session of, the jurisdictional conferences by the secretaries of the jurisdictional conferences." He spoke in support of the motion. *Dr. Langford* reported that the legislative committee also had a plan of implementation to present, but that this provision was not included in it. Mr. Shearer's motion was adopted.

Report No. 168, Calendar No. 981

Dr. Langford identified the report as a Plan of Implementation related to the Bishop and District Superintendent Study Commission report. He presented changes which needed to be made as a result of amendments to the report. Report No. 168 was adopted (see page 1505).

Report No. 174, Calendar No. 1037

Dr. Langford called on *Lyle Christianson* (Minnesota) to give leadership in the presentation of the report. *Mr. Christianson* explained that the report as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* was in the form of amendments to proposed legislation dealing with the ordained ministry as printed in an advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. *Mr. Christianson* listed what he characterized as seven items of substance in the report. Following his presentation he indicated that there was one item the legislative committee had not perfected, and he asked that *Willie B. Clay* (Northern Illinois) be recognized for an amendment.

Mr. Clay moved to amend the report, proposed Par. 427.10, by

the insertion of a new second sentence, which would read as follows: "In the case of ministers coming from Methodist denominations composed primarily of minority persons, consultation with the executive committee of the Board of the Ordained Ministry shall not be required." He spoke in support of his amendment, but it was defeated.

Mr. Christianson called attention to proposed Par. 434 of the report, dealing with maternity leave. He pointed out that the recommendation differed from that of the Committee on Independent Commissions on the same subject (Report No. 46, Calendar No. 508, see page 1852), particularly in proposed Par. 434.2. He moved that Par. 434.2 as recommended by the Committee on Higher Education and Ministry be approved. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Christianson presented proposed legislation dealing with the retirement of ordained ministers. *Robert L. Wilcox* (Holston) moved to amend the legislation to provide for mandatory retirement at age 72 instead of age 70. He spoke in support of his amendment. *Mr. Christianson* spoke against it on behalf of the committee. The amendment was defeated.

John B. Russell (Virginia) asked a question to clarify that the report was printed and before the Conference in its entirety; *Mr. Christianson* replied that, with the material in the advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* to which the calendar item referred, the report was complete. He then asked about the vote of the committee on the report, and *Mr. Christianson* replied that the vote of 74-0 as shown was correct. Mr. Russell then moved the suspension of the rules in order to move the previous question on the entire report. The motion was adopted. Report No. 174 was adopted (see page 1507).

Matter of Privilege

P. Boyd Mather (Iowa) asked a question about a Judicial Council decision; *Dr. Langford* responded. He then asked a question about the Conference action on clergy retirement age; the Chair responded.

Committee on Higher Education and Ministry—Report Resumed

Dr. Langford stated that he and *Mr. Navas* had had an agreement that *Mr. Navas* would have an opportunity to present the Committee on Independent Commissions' point of view on the issue of maternity/paternity leave, but that the Conference had approved Calendar No. 1037 so quickly that this had not been possible. He expressed embarrassment over the fact that such

opportunity had not been given. The Chair expressed his regrets over the matter but explained that in his judgment the Conference had given its decision.

Report No. 156, Calendar No. 884

Dr. Langford presented the report, which was on the subject "Diaconal Ministry," and explained that it was a confirmation of action previously taken. The report was adopted (see page 1501).

Report No. 177, Calendar No. 1040

Dr. Langford presented the report, which dealt with a portion of the report of the Commission to Study the Ministry; it was adopted (see page 1542).

Motion of Implementation

Dr. Langford: Now, Mr. Chairman, a motion as to implementation. I think this will be important to the Conference. I want to move that the effective date for all of the materials that we have approved from the Commission to Study the Ministry, and the materials which will be contained in Chapters Three and Four of the *Discipline* become effective as of January 1, 1977.

The word of explanation is that this has to do with entrance into ministry, the matters of approval by Boards of the Ministry, and it would simply be impossible to distribute this or to implement this by Annual Conference time this year. The motion to move to January 1, 1977 will give time for Boards of the Ministry, Annual Conferences, etc., to get the material in hand, become familiar, and utilize it.

The motion was adopted.

Report No. 179, Calendar No. 1042

Dr. Langford introduced the report, consisting of proposed legislation governing conference Boards of Ordained Ministry. *Alden B. Burns* (West Michigan) moved to amend the report, the first sentence of proposed Par. 721.1, by deleting the words, "at the first session following the General Conference shall elect for a term of four years," and by substituting therefor the words, "shall elect annually." He spoke in support of his amendment; *Lyle Christianson* (Minnesota) spoke against it. The amendment was defeated.

Eugene Zimmerman (Florida) called attention to a report of the Committee on Independent Commissions and spoke in opposition to the adoption of legislation which would include lay persons as members of Boards of the Ordained Ministry. Willard A. Zellmer (Pacific Northwest) spoke in favor of lay members on such boards. *Don M. Pike* (Central Texas) spoke against it and asked whether there had been a Judicial Council decision on the

constitutionality of such legislation. The Chair and *Dr. Langford* responded. Miriam Isaacs (New York) spoke for it. *William Hemphill* (Peninsula) asked whether the legislation being recommended by this committee report contained any provision for lay membership on Boards of Ordained Ministry. *Robert W. Thornburg* (Central Illinois) replied that no such provision was included in the legislation now before the Conference. *Wayne E. Shoemaker* (Iowa) attempted to introduce an amendment dealing with the process by which lay members of Boards of the Ordained Ministry would be nominated. *Dr. Langford* attempted to explain that the material included in this report did not include the provision for lay members. Carroll H. Long (Holston) asked for further clarification, and *Dr. Thornburg* reiterated that only clergy members in full connection would be on the boards. The report was adopted (see page 1543).

Higher Education and Ministry Reports Completed

Dr. Langford expressed appreciation to Lenora F. Clark (Texas), who had served as secretary of the legislative committee.

Harvey H. Potthoff (Rocky Mountain) asked about the status of the Inter-jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy. *Dr. Langford* replied that its status had not been changed by this Conference. *Mr. Potthoff* referred to a disciplinary statement of its functions and asked about the assignment of that function; *Dr. Langford* responded that that function remained with the Inter-jurisdictional Committee.

Committee on Discipleship

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, called for a report from the Legislative Committee on Discipleship, Wesley Bailey (Western North Carolina), chairman.

Report No. 55 (Majority and Minority); Calendar Nos. 869, 870

Mr. Bailey explained that the report consisted of a Resolution on the Family. He called on *P. Boyd Mather* (Iowa) for presentation of the minority report. *Mr. Mather* explained that the minority report also called for adoption of the resolution contained in the majority report, but that it called for the addition of a series of recommendations to the end of that resolution.

Paul V. Shearer (Iowa) moved to suspend the rules so as to eliminate debate on any remaining items to be presented to the

Conference, and to proceed directly to a vote on each item presented. The motion was adopted.

The minority report, Calendar No. 870, was put to a vote and was defeated (see page 1401). Calendar No. 869, the majority report, was adopted (see page 1395).

Committee on Financial Administration

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, called for reports from the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration, Thomas P. Moore (East Ohio), chairman.

Report No. 82, Calendar No. 933

Mr. Moore presented the report, explaining that it was a resolution calling for the use of resources and funds by boards and agencies only in support of programs consistent with the Social Principles of the church. The report was adopted (see page 1762).

Report No. 120, Calendar No. 971

Mr. Moore explained that the report was a recommendation of concurrence with a petition which would prohibit the use of funds for projects favoring homosexual practices; the report was adopted (see page 1774).

Report No. 50, Calendar No. 559

Mr. Moore presented the report, which consisted of proposed legislation designed to insure that no agency shall give United Methodist funds to any "gay" organization or use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality. The report was adopted (see page 1752).

Financial Administration Reports Completed

Mr. Moore gave information in response to inquiries which had been addressed to him during the evening about the status of various committee reports. He expressed appreciation to Barbara Thompson (Baltimore), vice-chairwoman, and *William W. Reid, Jr.* (Wyoming), secretary of the legislative committee.

Committee on Local Church, Report No. 52, Calendar No. 655

Mr. Hodapp, Committee on Calendar, called on *Paul E. Myers* (Central Pennsylvania) to present the report, which had been removed from the unanimous concurrence list earlier in the session (see page 561).

Mr. Myers: This represents eleven pages of important local church legislation. There are matters of substance here. None of them is in question. We have consulted with those concerned about a few inconsistencies in the use of objectives and goals with regard to both the Administrative Board and the Council on Ministries. Judge Seals and I assure those persons that if they would write letters to Judge Seals, he will pass them on to the Board of Discipleship, and they study the apparent inconsistencies. We don't think any other action is necessary, and we now move concurrence on Calendar Item 655.

The report was adopted (see page 1662).

Committee on Church and Society

Mr. Hodapp called for the final reports from the Legislative Committee on Church and Society, John E. Stumbo (Kansas East), chairman.

Report No. 34, Calendar No. 396

Mr. Stumbo called on *Richard O. Truitt* (Wisconsin) for presentation of the report. *Mr. Truitt* explained that the report was a Resolution on Southern Africa; it was adopted (see page 1191).

Report No. 35, Calendar No. 397

Mr. Truitt presented the report, a Resolution on the Middle East, and it was adopted (see page 1192).

Report No. 40, Calendar No. 402

Mr. Truitt introduced the report, which was on the subject, "Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Indochina." It was adopted (see page 1202).

Report No. 42, Calendar No. 404

Mr. Truitt presented the report, entitled "Conflict in Northern Ireland and Lebanon," and it was adopted (see page 1204).

Report No. 33, Calendar No. 395

J. R. Kemmerly (Louisiana) reminded the Chair that he had asked earlier in the evening for the opportunity to bring the report before the Conference for consideration. The Chair replied that the Conference could decide if it wished to consider the matter. Mr. Kemmerly attempted to introduce an amendment to the report, but the Chair explained that the Conference had not yet voted to consider it. Mr. Stumbo expressed willingness to present the report, but the Conference voted not to consider it (see page 1190).

Matter of Privilege

Thomas A. Langford (Western North Carolina): If you will bear with me just a minute. Out of embarrassment and deep appreciation I want to stand to express I think what is a debt of unusual proportions of all of us to Dr. Merlyn Northfelt and those members whom we elected four years ago to do the Study of Episcopacy and District Superintendency. It has been a major part of our work. While we have changed some things, they have given us a document to work with, concepts to work with, important, important material. I'd like to recognize all those members who are here just for us to express our appreciation to them for their work.

The Conference responded with applause.

Concluding Business

Judy M. Gilreath (North Texas) asked about the disposition of items included in the omnibus referral list. *Mr. Hodapp*, Committee on Calendar, replied that the motion to refer those items had been adopted earlier in the session (see above, page 531).

Mr. Hodapp explained that he wished to present a resolution on behalf of *William P. Bailey* (Memphis), chairman of the Committee on Reference. The motion, made in *Mr. Bailey's* name, was as follows: "I move that the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order be authorized and given power to review the responsibilities of the Reference Committee in the 1980 session, and if the Reference Committee is to be taken seriously, to call for its convening early enough to review and refer all petitions rather than placing such heavy responsibility upon the Petitions Secretary." The motion was adopted.

Matter of Privilege

Andre N. Bahule (Southeast Africa): I want to thank you in the name of the delegation from Mozambique, and I think I can say for the people from Southern Africa, for the position you took on Southern Africa. We know about the resolution of 1972 condemning colonialism in Southern Africa. Now some of the countries have become independent; others still have not, but we want to say thank you for the position that you have taken on Southern Africa.

Concluding Business Resumed

Mr. Hodapp moved "that all calendar reports which in committee received the vote of more than ninety percent for nonconcurrence be acted upon by this body also as nonconcurrence." The motion was adopted.

Mr. Hodapp moved that "according to the Plan of Organization IX that there be published a *Book of Resolutions* containing appropriate non-legislative material adopted by this Conference,

and that these resolutions shall include those identified by the following calendar numbers: Committee on Church and Society Calendar Nos. 109, 114, 238, 240, 244, 245, 392 as amended by 895, 399, 400, 401, 403, 893, 894, 896; Committee on Council on Ministries Calendar Nos. 125, 190, 191, 529, 530, 536; Committee on Global Ministries Calendar Nos. 768 and 785; and Committee on Local Church Calendar No. 658." (Note: The Calendar numbers listed above were not read to the Conference as part of the motion but were supplied in writing to the Secretary of the General Conference.—Editor) The motion was adopted.

Mr. Hodapp moved that "omissions and corrections in calendar reports be edited for inclusion in the Journal by the Conference Secretary and those he shall designate, in a manner to express the action of the legislative committees and the interests of the General Conference." The motion was adopted.

Calendar Completed

Mr. Hodapp: Mr. Chairman, there are a few other items that do not really affect the life of the Church. The legislative chairmen have asked me to express the feeling that all of the necessary legislative work has been done. And, therefore, on behalf of the Calendar Committee, I'm pleased to report that the Calendar of this 1976 General Conference is completed.

Closing Address—Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson

The Chair announced that, following the closing statement by Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, President of the Council of Bishops, he would recognize John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois) for the motion to adjourn.

Bishop Goodson: All right, dear friends, may I say a word to you. I want you to know that I understand quite well what time and hour it is, and I want to say a word to you about it. I want to say that in front of me I have a manuscript that I have prepared having to do with the closing remarks of this Conference, and with your permission I shall turn it over to the editors of the Daily Christian Advocate and ask them to print it, and to read it to you. Having heard no amendment to that suggestion, may I then say to you four brief words.

No. 1, may I congratulate you from the deep of my heart for the unusual loyalty you have shown in standing by, not only in this session, but in all of the sessions of the General Conference of our church. We meet together every four years to discuss the matters that are akin to our church and are akin to the life of the church. As I said to you on the opening day, I have been to every session of a General Conference in the whole course of my adult life and all of my ministry as a Methodist minister, with one single exception, and with the exception of the Uniting Conference in Kansas City, many years ago when the inspiration was almost more than I could take, this has been the finest session of the General Conference of the Wesleyan movement that I ever attended in my life, and I come tonight on behalf of my colleagues and on my own behalf to congratulate you. You have been sensitive to the grass root concerns of the church back home, and the

criticism that the local church is not heard in the General Conference can no longer be a valid criticism.

I come to commend you for your dedication. You've talked about the authentic Christian fundamentals that Christians ought to talk about, and we've set our sights in the direction to do something about evangelism, something about world hunger, and something about ethnic minorities.

I come to you tonight on behalf of the Council of Bishops to thank you out of the deep of our hearts for your unusual display and your unusual affirmation of loyalty to Jesus Christ and loyalty to the Church.

I can only say to you, as you wing your way home, beginning even now within a few hours, that all of us shall pray for each other that the journey mercies of the Heavenly Father shall watch over us until we have returned to our homes and to those who await our arrival and that our Church shall find under the mercy and providence of God the kind of prosperity that befits the coming of the Kingdom.

I come to say to you that the King is not only coming, He is here. Amen.

(Note: Bishop Goodson's prepared address is printed on page 813).

Announcements

J. B. Holt (Secretary) announced that word had been received of the death of Marvin Sneed, husband of Mrs. Maude Sneed, President of United Methodist Women and lay delegate to the General Conference from the North Georgia Conference. He stated that an expression of Christian love and sympathy would be sent on behalf of the Conference.

Earl Riddle (Executive Director, Local Committee) made announcements about transportation for delegates from their hotels to the airport.

The Chair expressed appreciation to Bishops Alton and Clymer for assisting him during the session and made additional brief closing remarks.

Benediction and Adjournment

John R. Van Sickle (Northern Illinois): Having survived ten General Conferences I do now move that this Conference finally adjourns.

Bishop Loder: I declare the Conference adjourned.

Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson: And now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before His throne with exceeding great joy, a Great Shepherd to the sheep, the Blood of the everlasting Covenant, a Covenant in which all of us have a part, may He be with you now and forever more. Let the faithful of God say "Amen." Amen. Good night.

With the benediction the 1976 General Conference adjourned *sine die*.

APPENDIX

Vote of the Annual Conferences on Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The 1972 regular session of The General Conference of The United Methodist Church held in Atlanta, Georgia, approved the following amendments to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church and submitted them to the Annual Conferences for vote:

Amendment No. 1972-7: That the first paragraph of The Preamble of the Constitution be amended by deleting the word *men* in the second sentence and by substituting in its place the word **persons** so that the first paragraph of The Preamble of the Constitution as amended will read:

> The Church is a community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. It is the redeemed and redeeming fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by **persons** divinely called, and the Sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the Church seeks to provide for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, and the redemption of the world.

Number of members of the Annual Conferences present was 29,162; number voting Aye was 27,856; number voting No was 1,046; number Abstaining was 260. This amendment was approved.

Amendment No. 1972-8: That the first paragraph of Section II, Article II (Par. 13) be amended to read:

> The General Conference shall meet at such times and place as shall be determined by the General Conference or by its duly authorized committees, **but not more often than once in two consecutive calendar years. Each Annual Conference shall determine whether to elect delegates each two years or each four years.**

Number of members of the Annual Conferences present was 29,495; number voting Aye was 14,722; number voting No was 14,282; number Abstaining was 491. This amendment was not approved by the two-thirds Aye vote required.

Amendment No. 1972-9: That Section VII, Article I (Par. 36) be amended by adding a paragraph at the end thereof as follows:

> **If the lay membership should number less than the ministerial members of the Annual Conference, the Annual Conference shall, by its own formula, provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and ministerial membership of the Annual Conference.**

Number of members of the Annual Conferences present was 29,801; number voting Aye was 24,707; number voting No was 4,567; number Abstaining was 527. This amendment was approved.

Amendment No. 1972-10: That Section VII, Article II (Par. 37) be amended by deleting the words *with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character and conference relations of ministers* so that the paragraph as amended will read:

> The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine.

Number of members of the Annual Conferences present was 28,498; number

voting Aye was 12,253; number voting No was 15,486; number Abstaining was 759. This amendment was not approved by the two-thirds Aye vote required.

Amendment No. 1972-11: That Section VII, Article V (Par. 40) be amended by deleting the words *provided that such delegates be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and* and substituting therefor, the words **without regard to age, provided such delegates** so that the paragraph as amended will read:

The lay delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences shall be elected by the lay members of the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference, **without regard to age, provided such delegates** shall have been members of one of the constituent churches forming this union or of The United Methodist Church for at least four years next preceding their election, and are members thereof within the Annual Conference electing them at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

Number of members of the Annual Conferences present was 28,862; number voting Aye was 22,652; number voting No was 5,756; number Abstaining was 454. This amendment was approved.

Amendment No. 1972-12: That Division III, Article V (Par. 54) be amended by deleting in subunit (2) of the first paragraph thereof the words *he shall have given his specific consent* and substituting in their place the words **that bishop shall have specifically consented** and

by deleting in subunit (3) of the first paragraph thereof the words *he* and *him* and substituting in their place the words **the bishop** and

by deleting in the second paragraph thereof the word *him* and substituting in its place the words **the bishop**

so that the paragraph as amended will read:

The bishops shall have residential and presidential supervision in the Jurisdictional Conferences in which they are elected or to which they are transferred. Bishops may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction for presidential and residential supervision under the following conditions: (1) The transfer of bishops may be on either of two bases: (a) jurisdiction which receives a bishop by transfer from another jurisdiction may transfer to that jurisdiction or to a third jurisdiction one of its own bishops eligible for transfer, so that the number transferred in by each jurisdiction shall be balanced by the number transferred out, or (b) a jurisdiction may receive a bishop from another jurisdiction and not transfer out a member of its own College of Bishops. (2) No bishop shall be transferred unless **that bishop shall have specifically consented.** (3) No bishop shall be eligible for transfer unless **the bishop** shall have served one quadrennium in the jurisdiction which elected **the bishop** to the episcopacy. (4) All such transfers shall require the approval by a majority vote of the members, present and voting, of the Jurisdictional Conferences which are involved after consideration by the Committees on Episcopacy. After the above procedures have been followed, the transferring bishop shall become a member of the receiving College of Bishops and shall be subject to residential assignment by that Jurisdictional Conference.

A bishop may be assigned by the Council of Bishops for presidential service or other temporary service in another jurisdiction than that which elected **the bishop,** provided request is made by a majority of the bishops in the jurisdiction of the proposed service.

In the case of an emergency in any jurisdiction or Central Conference through the death or disability of a bishop or other cause, the Council of Bishops may assign a bishop from another jurisdiction or Central Conference to the work of the said jurisdiction or Central Conference with the consent of a majority of the bishops of that jurisdiction or Central Conference.

Number of members of the Annual Conferences present was 27,861; number

voting Aye was 25,863; number voting No was 1,492; number abstaining was 506. This amendment was approved.

Amendment No. 1972-13: That Division III, Article VII (Paragraph 56) be amended by deleting in the first paragraph thereof the words *him* and *his* and substituting in their place respectively the words **the bishop** and **the** and by deleting in the second sentence of the second paragraph the words *Each bishop shall report in writing annually all his decisions of law* and substituting in their place the words **All decisions of law made by each bishop shall be reported in writing annually** so that the paragraph as amended will read:

> A bishop presiding over an Annual, Central, or Jurisdictional Conference shall decide all questions of law coming before **the bishop** in the regular business of a session; provided that such questions be presented in writing and that **the** decisions be recorded in the journal of the conference.
>
> Such an episcopal decision shall not be authoritative except for the pending case until it shall have been passed upon by the Judicial Council. **All decisions of law made by each bishop shall be reported in writing annually,** with a syllabus of the same, to the Judicial Council, which shall affirm, modify, or reverse them.

Number of members of the Annual Conferences present was 27,904; number voting Aye was 26,072; number voting No was 1,400; number abstaining was 432. This amendment was approved.

Amendment No. 1972-14: (Contingent upon the Puerto Rico Annual Conference deciding to become an affiliated autonomous church or an affiliated united church)

That Section VIII, Article I (Para. 42) be amended by deleting therefrom the words *Puerto Rico* so that the boundaries of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference will read:

Northeastern—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, District of Columbia.

Number of members of the Annual Conferences present was 28,365; number voting Aye was 27,165; number voting No was 583; number abstaining was 617. This amendment was approved.

The above was ratified by the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church in its November 12-15, 1973, meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

Official ballots are filed by Annual Conferences in the offices of Bishop Ralph T. Alton, secretary of the Council of Bishops, and J. B. Holt, secretary of the General Conference.

A third copy of each Annual Conference report is in the files of the conference secretary or presiding officer.

I hereby certify that as of August 23, 1973, the total vote on the proposed 1972 constitutional amendments of The United Methodist Church as shown above is a true and correct record as reported to my office by the secretaries of the Annual Conferences.

J. B. Holt, *Secretary*
The General Conference

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Decision No. 360

In Re: Petition of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Legality of a Lesser Annuity Rate Paid by the Southern Illinois United Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, Inc. to Ministers Who Have Served in the Southern Illinois Annual Conference, but Subsequently Transferred to Another Annual Conference and Retired.

DIGEST

A lesser annuity rate paid by an Annual Conference to a minister who transfers out of that Conference and retires from another Annual Conference is illegal. Such a procedure violates the status of the ministry in our connectional church and is contrary to the specific requirements of Paragraphs 1257.11b and 1259.7 of the *1972 Discipline.*

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Judicial Council has received from Robert R. Hollis, Conference Secretary, a letter certifying that the Southern Illinois Annual Conference took an action petitioning the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision on the relation of Paragraph 1379.7 of the *1968 Discipline* to a lesser annuity rate paid by the Southern Illinois United Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, Inc. to ministers who have served in the Southern Illinois Annual Conference, but subsequently moved to another Annual Conference and retired.

The Southern Illinois Annual Conference is under the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund. The annuity rate paid by this Fund is the same for all ministers who have served in the Southern Illinois Annual Conference whether or not they have transferred to another Annual Conference. The variance in annuity rates comes from the payments from the Southern Illinois United Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, Inc. which are used to supplement the rate paid by the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund.

The Southern Illinois United Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, Inc. was accumulated from the voluntary contributions of individuals and churches, bequests, etc. for the benefit of the retired ministers of the Conference. The Fund was incorporated in the State of Illinois as a Not-For-Profit Corporation under the supervision and control of the Annual Conference. The income from its investments is used to supplement whatever other pension plans the Conference may have. By an action taken some years ago, the annuity rate to be paid from this supplemental fund to a minister who transferred out of the Annual Conference was frozen at the level of payment in effect at the time of transfer. This means that any of the later increases in annuity payments from this fund have benefited only the ministers who remained in the Conference. The question before us concerns the legality of this procedure.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The Discipline (Par. 1379.1, 1968; Par. 1259.1, 1972) has granted an Annual Conference considerable power in the matter of determining, on the basis of the provisions of the Discipline, what services are approved for pension credit. The question before us is whether or not an Annual Conference also has the authority to fix varying annuity rates for the same approved services.

The pension provisions of the Discipline are a strong directive to the Annual Conferences to provide a pension plan based upon an annually determined annuity rate which is related to the average salary of the Annual Conference (Par. 1259.7). When this is done, the annuity rate increases as the average salary increases and there is, in effect, a cost-of-living benefit for the retired ministers who have a pension claim upon the Annual Conference. This assumes, of course, that such pensions are determined by the current annuity rate times the approved years of service. When, as in the case of the Southern Illinois United Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, Inc., the annuity rate for certain retired ministers is frozen at some point in the past, they are denied such a cost-of-living benefit. Such a freezing is contrary to Paragraph 1259.7 which requires that the annuity rate for approved years of service of conference members be determined annually.

The petition from the Southern Illinois Annual Conference calls our attention to the fact that other Annual Conferences pay varying annuity rates for previous years of service. This is true in certain Annual Conferences which are the result of mergers between former Evangelical United Brethren and former Methodist Annual Conferences. By agreement, the endowment funds of the merging conferences were used to undergird the pension claims for years of service prior to merger, while a single annuity rate for all was approved for service years in the merged conference. It is to be noted, however, that half of such merged conferences have already moved to a single annuity rate for all previous years of service in both former conferences, and other such merged conferences are making progress toward this goal.

It is significant that most merged Annual Conferences were able to fix immediately a single annuity rate for all approved years of service, in the former merging conferences as well as in the newly merged conferences. Such a single annuity rate was made mandatory by the General Conference of 1970 when one of the merging Annual Conferences was a former Annual Conference of the former Central

Jurisdiction (Par. 1259.7). This would seem to fix the pattern for the whole church.

Obviously the pension provisions of the Discipline have been flexible enough to permit some varying rates within an Annual Conference for previous years of service when merger conditions required it, even while the church deplored such inequities and called for programs to remove them. There is, however, a fundamental difference between such inequities which are caused by pension relationships to merging conferences, and the inequities in the operation of the Southern Illinois United Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, Inc. which are caused by freezing the annuity rates of ministers who transfer out of the conference.

The question before us is not whether or not such an operation is unjust, but whether or not it transgresses the law of the church. It is the opinion of the Judicial Council that it does transgress that law in Paragraph 1259.7 and in two other respects.

First, it violates the connectional relationships of the church. Membership in an Annual Conference is the basic relationship of a minister in the United Methodist Church. All of his rights, privileges, and duties stem from this relationship, including his pension rights. Once this relationhip is achieved, it can only be changed or terminated by surrender of office, withdrawal, location, or by trial. Transfer from one Annual Conference to another does not change this basic relationship. The General Conference has defined membership in an Annual Conference. No Annual Conference has authority to change that definition. To class an Annual Conference ministerial member as an "outsider" because he transfers to another Annual Conference and fix for him a lesser annuity rate because of such transfer is to deny the whole connectional relationship of a minister in the United Methodist Church.

Second, it contradicts not only Paragraph 1259.7 but the specific requirements of Paragraph 1259.11 of the Discipline. This paragraph authorizes the General Board of Pensions to administer a clearing house for the collection and distribution of pensions for retired ministers, some of whose approved service years have been given in Annual Conferences other than the Annual Conference from which they retired.

In this regard Paragraph 1257.11b reads:

> "The board shall have authority to determine the pension responsibility of each Annual Conference, in accordance with the principle of divided annuity responsibility, and to collect from each Annual Conference, as determined on the basis of their respective pension programs,

the amount required by the clearinghouse to provide the pension benefits related thereto. *Each Annual Conference shall provide funds to meet its annuity responsibility to beneficiaries of other Annual Conferences on the same basis as it provides payments for beneficiaries related directly to itself.*" (emphasis added)

It is obvious that when the Southern Illinois United Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, Inc. provides a lesser annuity rate to beneficiaries of other Annual Conferences it disobeys this disciplinary provision.

We do not find merit in any possible argument that the Southern Illinois United Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, Inc., being a Not-For-Profit Corporation in the State of Illinois, is no longer subject to the pension provisions of the Discipline. The Fund was accumulated for the purpose of supplemental support for all pension claims upon the Southern Illinois Annual Conference. The Conference maintains supervisory control over the corporation and uses the income from the Fund for the supplemental support for its pension beneficiaries. An Annual Conference is not exempt from provisions of the Discipline regardless of the conduit it uses to channel its funds.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the lesser annuity rate paid by the Southern Illinois United Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, Inc. to a minister who transfers out of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference and retires from another Annual Conference is contrary to the provisions of the Discipline.

October 28, 1972

Decision No. 361

In Re: Effect of the Action of the General Conference Amending Paragraph 395.4.

DIGEST

The amendment of Paragraph 395.4 by the 1972 General Conference does not correct the (so-called) inequity addressed in Item 285 (D.C.A., page 407), for the amendment cannot be applied retroactively beyond 1968; nor can the General Conference violate the right of a Central Conference to elect a specified number of bishops whose tenure has been determined beforehand.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On April 29, 1972 the General Conference adopted an amendment to Paragraph 394.4 of the *1968 Discipline*. Originally the paragraph read, "An elder who has served as a bishop up to the time of his

retirement shall have the status of a retired bishop." The paragraph was amended to read:

"An elder who has served as bishop up to the time of his retirement, including all bishops of former or existing Central Conferences, shall have the status of retired bishop." (D.C.A., Calendar Item 285, pages 407, 863)

Immediately following its act of amendment the General Conference referred its action to the Judicial Council "for review to determine that the action does correct the inequity addressed in Item 285." (D.C.A., page 863)

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The inequity referred to is a possible one which arises from Judicial Council Decision No. 347 (October 6, 1971) in which the Council decided that two bishops are not retired bishops of The United Methodist Church, they having been Central Conference bishops of The Methodist Church elected for terms that had expired, and having retired prior to the General Conference of 1968.

During the history of The Methodist Church and of The United Methodist Church no fewer than six decisions dealing with the matter of retired Central Conference term bishops have been rendered by the Judicial Council (61, 80, 199, 236, 303, 347). Of immediate pertinence to the issue at hand are Decisions 236(1966), 303(1968), and 347(1971).

In Decision No. 236 the Council decided that a Central Conference term bishop who retired at the expiration of a term ceases to be a bishop and returns to the status of a member of the Annual Conference. Further, it decided that there is no provision whereby such a former bishop may be elected to continue in office as a retired bishop.

Decision No. 303, interpreting Paragraph 394.4 of the *1968 Discipline* stated in part:

"A bishop elected for a term of years by a Central Conference of the former The Methodist Church and who at the end of his term was returned to membership in the Annual Conference under the Discipline of the Church is not now eligible to have his term revived and his tenure extended by Paragraph 394.4 of the *1968 Discipline.*"

Moreover, it called attention to Paragraph 55 of the Constitution of The United Methodist Church which states:

"Each bishop elected by a Central Conference of The Methodist Church shall have tenure as the Central Conference electing him shall have determined."

In Decision No. 347, upon the basis of the reasoning and conclusions in Decisions Nos. 236 and 303, the Council de-

cided that Paragraph 394.4 could be applied prospectively but not retroactively to Central Conference term bishops. Hence former Central Conference term bishops who had retired prior to the 1968 General Conference were elders with membership in an Annual Conference, and could not have the status of bishop restored or revived.

The Judicial Council also pointed out:

> "If this ruling results in consequences that are believed to be inequitable or were not intended, the remedy lies in the authority of the General Conference to redefine either the status or the emoluments of former bishops who do not presently enjoy the status of a retired bishop."

The Council further cautioned:

> "If a redefinition is attempted, care should be exercised to respect the constitutional right of the Central Conferences to determine the tenure of their bishops. Paragraph 55 of the *1968 Discipline* provides *inter alia:* 'Each bishop elected by a Central Conference of The Methodist Church shall have such tenure as the Central Conference electing him shall have determined.'
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> "It is also to be borne in mind that the determination of who is a retired bishop involves both status and emoluments. These are separable issues. See for example Paragraph 631.5 of the *1968 Discipline,* which authorizes the Council on World Service and Finance to determine the appropriate allowance to be paid a former term bishop upon his retirement from the effective relation in the ministry."

To these decisions the Council does still adhere.

The question before the Council now is whether or not the amendment of Paragraph 395.4(1972) corrects what is set forth as an inequity with respect to former Central Conference term bishops in The Methodist Church who retired prior to 1968 and who reverted to the status of elder in an Annual Conference. It is to be noted that the word "inequity" is hardly a suitable one, for it has no basis for the making of a comparison. The status referred to existed in The Methodist Church, not The United Methodist Church, in which former denomination a Central Conference determined beforehand the tenure of its bishops but could not elect to the status of retired bishop a bishop whose retirement coincided with the conclusion of the term to which he was elected. (See Judicial Council Decision No. 236.)

Additionally, Paragraph 55 of the Constitution of The United Methodist Church precludes the use of the term inequity in the instant case as well as in any action that

would nullify tenure as having been determined by a Central Conference.

Still further, in adhering to Decision No. 303 we insist that the amendment cannot be applied retroactively beyond 1968 when Paragraph 55 of the Constitution and Paragraph 395.4 became effective. Henceforth it may be applied provided that it does not violate the right of a Central Conference to determine the tenure of its bishops.

Of equal import is the observation that those in whose favor equity is said to be sought are elders for whom a retroactive election to the status of bishop is desired. To effect the amendment thus would be tantamount to election of retired travelling elders to the episcopacy. The General Conference has not the power to elect as such amendment would require.

Decision

The amendment of Paragraph 395.4 does not correct the so-called inequity addressed in Item 285, for it cannot be applied retroactively for former Central Conference bishops of the former The Methodist Church; nor can the General Conference violate the right of a Central Conference both to elect its bishops and to determine beforehand their tenure. The General Conference does not have the constitutional authority to do what it attempted to do in Item 285.

Nothing in this decision should be construed as limiting the authority of the Council on Finance and Administration to make the financial adjustments referred to in Decision 347.

October 27, 1972

Decision No. 362

In Re: Request from the North Mississippi Annual Conference for an Advisory Opinion as to the Constitutionality of Two Paragraphs in the Proposed Plan of Merger with the Upper Mississippi Annual Conference.

DIGEST

The requirement in the proposed merger plan for the North Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Annual Conferences that membership on boards, agencies and staff must be from both of the merging conferences is one means of attempting to assure equitability within the merged conference. It is therefore constitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The North Mississippi Annual Conference in session June 10, 1972, passed and forwarded to the Judicial Council the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, questions of the constitutionality of the proposal (sic) plan of merger have arisen upon which there are divergent opinions;

"*Whereas*, under the Constitution of the United Methodist Church the Judicial Council is vested with exclusive jurisdiction to determine such questions upon proper procedure by advisory opinion;

"*Whereas*, as a result of the action of this North Mississippi Annual Conference it is expedient that all such questions be finally determined;

"*Therefore Be It Resolved* by North Mississippi Annual Conference that advisory opinion of the Judicial Council be requested as the following:

"Considering that portion of paragraph I, sub paragraph 2 of the proposed merger plan which provides that:

'. . . the boards and agencies of the merged conference shall be composed of members of both of the former conferences.'

and that portion of paragraph II, sub paragraph 3 of the proposed merger plan which provides that:

'3. The staff and members at large of the Program Council and the membership of its constituent boards and agencies of the successor conference shall be composed of representatives from both of the former Annual Conferences.'

* * *

"It is requested that you consider the attached merger plan and advise:

"(1) Whether the above provisions are constitutional with regard to structure of boards, commissions and agencies; and

"(2) If the above quoted provisions are held to be unconstitutional does that render the balance of the merger plan unconstitutional."

The Upper and the North Mississippi Annual Conferences created conference merger committees to prepare a plan of merger for these two conferences. The geographical boundaries of the two conferences are essentially conterminous. The merger of these two conferences is essential to the completion of the process of making The United Methodist Church a racially inclusive church and to comply with the constitutional requirement that:

"In The United Methodist Church no conference or other organizational unit of the Church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body of the Church because of race, color, national origin, or economic condition." (Par. 4)

Prior to union with The Evangelical United Brethren Church, The Methodist Church set 1972 as a target date by which time all of its conferences of the former Central Jurisdiction should, on a voluntary basis, be merged with the geographical Jurisdictional Conferences. This merger procedure moved forward in a very commendable manner so that at the time of the meeting of the 1972 General Conference there were only four mergers which remained to be completed. One of these is in northern Mississippi.

The 1972 General Conference passed legislation requiring that the remaining mergers be completed by the time of the 1973 sessions of the conferences involved and prescribing a mandatory procedure to accomplish the merger of any that have not completed their mergers on a voluntary basis by that time. It is the purpose of the two conferences in northern Mississippi to consummate merger on a voluntary basis within the time limit prescribed by the General Conference.

The two conference merger committees have worked long and diligently and prepared a proposed plan of merger which was presented to the two Annual Conferences at their respective 1972 annual sessions. The plan was passed by the Upper Mississippi conference. The North Mississippi conference adopted a "resolution of intent" and

passed a second resolution requesting the Judicial Council to give a ruling on the constitutionality of the paragraphs listed above. The letter of transmission of this resolution to the Judicial Council also states that Bishop Stokes has called a special session of the North Mississippi Annual Conference for November 27, 1972, to act upon merger plans in light of the Judicial decision.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

A wide variety of questions and issues regarding the implications of the racially inclusive, and non-discriminatory sections of the Constitution and the Discipline of The United Methodist Church have been raised. Before the new denomination was really launched, the Interim Judicial Council was asked to rule on such issues. (I.J.C. Decisions No. 4, 5) During the 1968-72 quadrennium additional questions have come to the Judicial Council. (Decisions No. 340, 357)

The Constitution of The United Methodist Church speaks to racial issues with sufficient clarity that there should be no shadow of doubt regarding its intent. The intent is that the Church shall, in all its structure, program and activity, be a full and complete expression of the fact that "God made of one blood all nations." Its intent is that race consciousness shall be non-existent within the Church. There can be no special rights, privileges or obligations established in any way because of race, color, or national origin. This is binding for all, minority as well as majority groups. The basic rights, privileges and obligations of all individuals within the Church are established by the fact that each is a child of God, created in His image. There dare be no subterfuge to circumvent the full application of this truth in any Church structure or program.

This is the position which has been taken consistently by the Judicial Council in its decisions. Guidelines were established in Decision No. 5 of the Interim Judicial Council. The position is spelled out quite specifically in Decision No. 357 which relates to Annual Conference merger. In the analysis of that decision, the Council stated:

> "Annual Conference structure or voting quotas cannot be based on race or color, even when done for the protection of a minority. The Church may not be structured biracially. It must be color blind.
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> "This is more than a matter of semantics. It cannot be circumvented by the substitution of general language which obscures the fact that the legislation will be dealing

with the merger of four Negro Annual Conferences with their white counterparts. When they come together they must do so as a single entity, in which neither structure nor vote is controlled by former conference affiliation. *Merger of Annual Conferences connotes equitable attitudes in matters of representation in subordinate bodies of the merged conferences.*" (emphasis added)

Decision No. 357 was issued in response to a petition from the General Conference seeking an advisory opinion as to the Constitutionality of proposed legislation by which the General Conference would mandate a specified quota of representation from former Negro Annual Conferences on the boards and agencies of conferences into which they would be merged. The Judicial Council held such proposed legislation to be unconstitutional because it is based on race.

In the instant case the proposed plan of merger simply requires that the boards and agencies of the merged conference shall have representatives from both former conferences. There are no quotas. The basis for this requirement is, of course, that there can be no merger of two conferences into a new conference unless both of those conferences are represented in the board and agency structure of that new conference. Persons come into their positions in the merged conference on the basis of their qualifications for those positions. In most instances these qualifications are best demonstrated by their training and experience in the Annual Conferences from which they come into the merger. That some of these persons may be white, some black and some have other distinguishing racial or ethnic characteristics is purely incidental. It is not the qualifying criterion by which they are selected. The qualifying criterion is a functional one for the effective and equitable structuring of the new conference into which the program and activities of both former conferences are merged.

It is then evident that the paragraphs in the proposed plan of merger of the two conferences in northern Mississippi which require that membership of boards, agencies, and staff be based on membership in their former conferences meets the requirement of "equitable attitudes in matters of representation in subordinate bodies of the merged conferences" and are therefore constitutional.

We would call attention of these conferences, and their committees on merger quite emphatically to the fact that in their merger structure and program procedures they travel a two-way street. It is incumbent upon the merging conferences to see to it that the merged conference structure does in fact show "equitable attitudes in matters of representation in subordinate bodies of the merged conferences." We

cannot stress too strongly that de facto exclusion is no more acceptable than de jure inclusion. If any merged conference or its boards and agencies should be so structured that it can in fact be demonstrated that equitable attitudes in matters of representation have not been observed and the resulting structure is in reality inequitable, that structure would be unconstitutional.

Decision

In conference mergers the membership of boards, agencies and staff in the merged conference must demonstrate that equitable attitudes have obtained in their selection to such membership. One criterion for determining such equitability would be the experience of these persons in the conferences which are being merged. The requirement in the proposed merger plan for the North Mississippi and Upper Mississippi Annual Conferences, that membership on boards, agencies and staff must be from both of the merging conferences is one means of attempting to assure such equitability. It is therefore constitutional.

October 27, 1972

Decision No. 363

In Re: May a Lay Person be Elected and Consecrated to the Episcopacy without Ordination?

DIGEST

A lay person may not be elected to the episcopacy nor may a lay person be consecrated as a bishop. To be elected and consecrated a bishop a person must first be a traveling elder.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On July 11, 1972, during the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference a question was raised from the floor prior to the first ballot for the election of bishops. Ministerial delegate Claude W. Whitehead of North Alabama inquired whether a vote for a candidate who is not an ordained elder invalidates the entire ballot.

The presiding officer, Bishop James W. Henley, replied that (according to the recommendation of the Committee on Rules) a vote for a person not holding elder's orders would not invalidate the entire ballot, but that such a person would, nevertheless, be ineligible for election to the episcopacy.

Dr. O. Kelley Ingram of the North Carolina Conference presented the following request for a ruling from the chair:

"Since there does not appear to be any Disciplinary impediment to the election of a lay person to the episcopacy,
AND since there are at least two precedents in Methodist tradition for the election of such persons to that office,
AND since the requirement that a bishop be an elder in order to discharge the duties of this office provided the requirement can be

met in the course of time, assuming the layman possesses the gifts and graces of ministry,
AND since Bishop Henley has ruled that a lay person is not eligible for election to the episcopacy:
THEREFORE I request that Bishop Henley reconsider his ruling concerning the eligibility of lay persons to the episcopal office."

Bishop Henley sought to clarify his official ruling on the following grounds:

"While it is true that Mr. Asbury was consecrated a bishop on the third day after being ordained a deacon on the first and elder on the second, the simple fact is that the Christmas Conference was an organizing conference, without procedural restraints or an adopted Discipline. The process involved in full connection and elder's orders are currently infinitely more complex and the time factors as well as academic preparation constitute a delaying element in ordination procedures. The delay between the election of a layman and his possible ordination as an elder in a conference can no longer be accomplished precipitously, but require adequate preparation involving years of study plus practical experience.

"The Methodist Church has believed in these procedures and nothing less than radical and far-reaching revisions of the Discipline can alter them.

"At the same time, while the legislation of the Discipline does not state that a person must be an elder in full connection to be eligible for the episcopacy, the presumptive evidence is unmistakable:

In the consecration service the ordinand is presented with these words: 'We present this elder to be consecrated a bishop'.

In division 3 of the constitution we read: "There shall be a continuance of the episcopacy in The United Methodist Church of like plan, power, privileges and duties as now exist in The Methodist Church and in The Evangelical United Brethren." Both of these historic bodies practice the consecration of only elders as bishops.

In paragraph 310, section 2 of the Discipline: 'An elder may be ordained by a bishop employing the order of service for the ordination of elders. The bishop shall be assisted by other elders in the laying on of hands.'

"We could multiply such references many times. For this reason I must abide by my ruling that a person, to be eligible for the election to the episcopacy, must be an elder in full connection and must be so at the time of his election."

On July 15, 1972, following a ruling by Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., that under Paragraph 1712 Bishop Henley's ruling would automatically come before the Judicial Council, there was uncertainty among the delegates as to whether further action was needed to assure transmission of the appeal for decision to the Judicial Council. The Conference took action on a motion by Dr. Louise Branscomb requesting the Judicial Council to render a declaratory decision on the constitutionality of the following:

May a lay person be elected to the episcopacy?
Having been elected, may a lay person be consecrated as a bishop without ordination as an elder?

Thereafter Bishop Henley transmitted his ruling to the Judicial Council.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1512.

Analysis

There is no specific and direct statement in the Discipline concerning the requirement of ordination for eligibility of a person to be elected to the office of bishop, nor is there any statement that specifically states he must be ordained as an elder before consecration as a bishop.

However, the Discipline does provide for the continuance of an episcopacy of "like plan" as existed in The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church prior to their union in 1968.

The *1972 Discipline* states in Paragraph 50:

> "There shall be a continuance of an episcopacy in The United Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in The Methodist Church and in The Evangelical United Brethren Church in all those matters in which they agree and may be considered identical; and the differences between these historic episcopacies are deemed to be reconciled and harmonized by and in this Plan of Union and Constitution of The United Methodist Church and actions taken pursuant thereto so that a unified superintendency and episcopacy is hereby created and established of, in, and by those who now are and shall be bishops of The United Methodist Church; and the said episcopacy shall further have such powers, privileges, and duties as are herein set forth."

To determine what the "like plan" was, is to discover that the parent denomination, The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and the grandparent denomination, the Methodist Episcopal Church, state specifically in their Disciplines that bishops are to be elected from among "the active itinerant elders" and from among the "traveling elders" respectively.

The *1967 Discipline* of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Paragraph 385, states:

> "The bishops of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be elected by ballot by the General Conference from the active itinerant elders who have been itinerant elders for at least ten years . . ."

The *1936 Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Paragraph 86, states:

> "The General Conference shall elect by ballot from among the Traveling Elders as many General Superintendents as it may deem necessary."

In all references in the ritual for the consecration of a bishop, in the Disciplines of both the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, it is indicated that the one chosen to be bishop is to be an elder.

The *1936 Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Paragraph 1443:

> THE ORDER FOR THE CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS
> "(This service is a consecration, not an ordination, of an Elder or Presbyter to the duties of General Superintendency in the Church.)" (Page 607 reads as follows:) "*Then shall the Elected Person be presented by two Elders unto the Bishop, the Elders saying:* We present unto you this Elder chosen to be consecrated a Bishop."

The *1938 Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Paragraph 669:

> THE FORM OF CONSECRATING A BISHOP. (Page 415 reads as follows:) "After the Gospel and the sermon are ended, the elected person shall be presented by two elders unto the Bishop saying: *We present unto you this elect elder to be consecrated a Bishop.*"

The identical paragraph which appeared in the *1936 Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church as Paragraph 1443 (quoted above) is found in the *1939 Discipline* of The Methodist Church as Paragraph 1592. The paragraph is repeated in the *1964 Discipline* of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 1722.

Moreover, the same language was used in the *1939 Discipline* that united the former Methodist Episcopal Church and former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as that later used in the *1968 Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, in regard to the continuance of the episcopacy:

> "There shall be an episcopacy in The Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." (Par. 34, *1939 Discipline)*

There are other disciplinary references which offer presumptive data indicating the necessity for ordination as elder as qualifying a person for election as a bishop. In the *1972 Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, Paragraph 395 makes reference to provisions for the resignation of a bishop and states that a bishop who voluntarily retires

> "shall surrender consecration papers to the secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference and shall be furnished with a certificate of resignation which shall entitle the bishop to membership as a traveling elder in the Annual Conference in which membership was last held or its successor . . ." (Par. 395.2)

In the same Paragraph, 395.4, it states that:

"an elder who has served as a bishop up to the time of retirement shall have the status of a retired bishop . . ."

These paragraphs would seem to imply that the bishop was a traveling or itinerant elder previous to his election to the episcopacy. The same provisions appear also in Paragraph 399.4 with reference to a Central Conference term bishop who is not re-elected.

One finds further such evidence in Paragraph 310.2 of the *1972 Discipline.* In reference to the ordination of elders it is directed that

"The bishop shall be assisted by *other elders* in the laying on of hands." (emphasis added)

Contextual evidence for ordination as a requirement for election and consecration to the episcopacy is found in the Discipline, Paragraphs 382-400. These are to be found in Chapter Two of Part IV of the Discipline (Paragraphs 301-400). This section is concerned exclusively with "The Ministry." With the exception of a brief acknowledgment of the ministry of the people of God (Paragraph 301) the entire chapter is devoted to United Methodist polity as it relates to the ordained ministry. It is in this chapter on the ordained ministry that matters dealing with the episcopacy are to be found. This would suggest that the episcopacy is to be understood as an integral part of the ordained ministry of the church.

Who are the traveling or itinerant elders thus qualified to be elected to the Episcopacy? In the *1972 Discipline,* Chapter Two, The Ministry, states:

"Paragraph 307.1 Elders are ministers who have completed their formal preparation for the ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order; have been elected itinerant members in full connection with an Annual Conference; and have been ordained elders in accordance with the Order and Discipline of The United Methodist Church."

Paragraph 313, *The Order of Elder*

"An elder is a minister who has met the requirements of Paragraph 314 and therefore has full authority for the ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order; who has been received as a minister in full connection with an Annual Conference; and who has been ordained elder." (Pars. 331-332.)

The Council has been greatly aided in its study and decision-making process by briefs submitted by various persons including Bishops William R. Cannon, L. Scott Allen and Roy H. Short, Reverends E. Dale Dunlap, Joseph Mitchell,

and O. Kelly Ingram, Dr. Louise Branscomb and Dr. Harriett Miller.

It has been argued that the election and consecration of Francis Asbury as bishop established a precedent for electing laymen as bishops. Yet, Asbury himself, to emphasize the clerical or ministerial nature of his position as bishop, was ordained first as a deacon, then as an elder, and finally after another day, he was consecrated to the general superintendency of the church. It should be noted that this occurred before the adoption of the Constitution of the church, and it is the provisions of the Constitution which must direct a decision in this appeal.

To the person that argues that a lay person may be *elected* bishop but must be ordained elder in order to be *consecrated*, one must call attention to the present disciplinary requirements for ordination as an elder. It now requires a minimum of four years to qualify for ordination as an elder if one follows the normal route of seminary training, presupposing that the one elected holds a baccalaureate degree at the time of his election. Without some additional General Conference legislation in this regard, this would hardly seem a practical procedure in the election of bishops.

It is a matter of historical record that in 1884, William Taylor was elected to serve as a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a lay delegate to the General Conference from the South India Conference. He was consecrated a bishop the day after his election by the 1884 General Conference. In this instance, however, William Taylor had been a traveling elder for more than 40 years before "locating" soon after 1880 because of disagreement with certain missionary policies of the church. He was a *local* elder when chosen a lay delegate to the General Conference. It was this status as an elder which seemingly made his consecration possible without delay.

In parent denominations and former years there have been persons who have been ordained as local elders—holding orders but not full membership in the Annual Conference. Therefore they cannot be classified as "itinerant" or "traveling" elders. They were and are qualified to exercise their orders only in a local church to which they were appointed as local preachers, approved lay pastors, or currently, lay pastors. The *1972 Discipline* makes no provision for such orders in The United Methodist Church. Those holding local orders in the merging denominations, however, maintain the rights and privileges which were theirs at the time of merger. (Par. 307) It is the conclusion of the Judi-

cial Council that the term "like plan" (Par. 50) requires limitation of the term denoting eligibility for election to the episcopacy to "traveling elder" or "itinerant elder."

When persons are elected and consecrated as bishops, they retain the ministerial order of traveling elders and are consecrated, not ordained, as bishops. They are set aside within the order of elder as bishops or general superintendents in the church. The work of a bishop, presupposes therefore, the preparation, training, experience and service of a fully ordained minister who is in full connection with an Annual Conference.

A decision in this case hinges on what is implied in "the like plan" of Paragraph 50 of the Constitution. As observed above, the plan of the episcopacy of the Methodist Episcopal Church specifically provided that a bishop must be an ordained elder, and the plan of episcopacy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, implied the same requirement. Thus, the plan of the episcopacy of The Methodist Church which was to be "of like plan" as existed in its two parent denominations, required that a bishop be elected from among the elders. The plan of episcopacy of The Evangelical United Brethren Church specifically required that bishops be elected from among the elders. A "like plan" would therefore require ordination as an elder and Annual Conference ministerial membership to qualify a person to be elected and consecrated a bishop.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the Constitution provides a "like plan" that requires that any person elected and consecrated a bishop in The United Methodist Church must first have been an ordained elder and ministerial member in full connection in an Annual Conference. Therefore, to elect an unordained lay person to the episcopacy or to consecrate a lay person to the episcopacy would be unconstitutional. Lay persons, therefore, may not be elected or consecrated to the episcopacy.

October 27, 1972

Decision No. 364

In Re: Appeal by the Council of Bishops for a Ruling as to the Constitutionality of Paragraph 827, 1972 Discipline, of Legislation Creating the General Council on Ministries

DIGEST

The General Conference may not delegate legislative functions and responsibilities which are assigned to it by the Constitution. The legislative powers granted to the General Council on Ministries by Paragraph 827 are therefore held to be unconstitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The General Conference of 1972 enacted legislation creating a General Council on Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Incident to the consideration of this legislation two questions were appealed to the Judicial Council. The first appeal came directly from the General Conference asking for a declaratory decision as to the constitutionality of that part of the legislation which specifically denies the possibility of a bishop being an officer of the Council on Ministries. The Judicial Council answered that question in its Decision No. 359 while the General Conference was still in session.

The second appeal came from the Council of Bishops and was received by the Judicial Council on April 28. It reads as follows:

> "WHEREAS the General Conference on April 24th last passed a measure creating a Council on Ministries as is found in the Daily Christian Advocate of that date;
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> "*And whereas* the measure as passed contained a paragraph listed as 829, P. 426 of the D C A, which outlined the powers granted to the said Council;
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> "*And whereas* among these powers are those allowing it in the interim of general conferences to 'establish policies and make decisions governing the functions of the general boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church consistent with the actions of the General Conference during the *interim between its sessions*'; and also to 'approve or disapprove Recommendations by a board to change its internal structure' and also giving power to the boards 'to transfer functions among them' this also in the interim,
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> "We the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, respectfully ask the Judicial Council of the Church to rule on the constitutionality of the said paragraph which seems to be a delegation of powers to the said Council on Ministries which the General Conference of the Church cannot give under its own constitutional powers. Respectfully submitted by the Council of Bishops by their own vote."

Because of the press of time it was not possible for the Judicial Council to give a decision on this second question before the adjournment of the General Conference. Therefore, it was docketed for the 1972 fall session and is the question under consideration in this decision.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1507 of the Discipline.

Analysis

The Constitution of The United Methodist Church establishes the General Conference as the highest legislative body of the Church and defines its powers and duties. Paragraph 7, provides that:

> "There shall be a General Conference for the entire Church with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth."

Paragraph 15, states:

"The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of this power shall have authority as follows:

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"8. To initiate and to direct all connectional enterprises of the Church and to provide boards for their promotion and administration.

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"13. To establish such commissions for the general work of the Church as may be deemed advisable.

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"15. To enact such other legislation as may be necessary, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the Church."

The General Conference acted clearly within its legislative authority when it created a General Council on Ministries as an entity for the promotion and administration of the work of the Church. It is only where the delegation of authority by the General Conference goes beyond promotion and administration and includes delegation of legislative functions that constitutionality is called into question.

Paragraph 829 (April 24, 1972, D C A, p. 426) of the legislation which created the General Council on Ministries states:

"The powers of the Council on Ministries are:

"1. *To establish policies and make decisions governing the functions of the general boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church,* consistent with the actions of the General Conference, during the interim between its sessions.

"2. *To approve or disapprove recommendations by a board to change its internal structure as specified in the Discipline or by boards to transfer functions among them,* subject to ratification by the General Conference." (emphasis added)

The powers delineated in Paragraph 829 (Par. 827, *1972 Discipline)*, go far beyond promotion and administration. These powers are legislative in nature and so far as boards and agencies are concerned could, in effect, make the General Council on Ministries an interim, and more or less continuous, General Conference. They would permit the Council to function on behalf of, and with full authority of, the General Conference at any time between sessions of that conference. This would mean that any board or agency of the Church, established by the General Conference and re-

sponsible to that conference, could change its policies, functions and structure as established by legislative act of the General Conference, subject only to the approval of the General Council on Ministries. Thus a board directly responsible to the General Conference with its functions clearly and specifically defined by legislative enactment of that conference and promulgated as a part of the Discipline could be completely re-structured as to its organization, its policies and its functions simply by securing approval of the Council on Ministries at any time between sessions of the General Conference.

It is true that the Council on Ministries would, at a later date, be required to make a report and be accountable to the General Conference which in its consideration of the actions would be faced with a *fait accompli.* In this way the Council on Ministries would in fact, if not in procedure, be exercising legislative functions reserved to the General Conference by the Constitution of the Church.

The Constitution limits the General Conference in the authority it may delegate to the boards and agencies which it creates. This authority is limited to the work of promotion and administration. Such boards and agencies may not determine policies of the Church nor may they determine their own functions except as such action is consistent with actions already taken by the General Conference; much less are they free to transfer functions and change internal structure which has been specified in the Discipline through the legislative enactments of the General Conference.

Under the Constitution of The United Methodist Church the creation and establishment of general church boards and agencies, the fixing of their structure, the determination of their functions, duties and responsibilities, and the establishing of church priorities are legislative functions reserved to the General Conference alone. These legislative functions may not be delegated.

Only Paragraph 827 of the legislation creating the General Council on Ministries is before the Judicial Council in this appeal and we rule here only on that paragraph. This decision neither denies nor establishes the constitutionality of any other paragraph of the legislation.

We are not unmindful of the fact that it is argued, and with some cogency and logic, that in our rapidly changing world a period of four years is too long to wait for necessary changes if the Church is to be effective and relevant in certain areas of Christian Mission and that a much more timely flexibility is needed.

Some degree of flexibility is possible under the administrative powers granted to the General Council on Minis-

tries and to other boards and agencies. If greater flexibility than is now possible under these powers is desired by the Church, such flexibility may be obtained through appropriate legislative action regarding its constitutional law, or through more frequent sessions of the General Conference.

Decision

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church is its highest legislative body. The Church Constitution empowers this conference alone with certain legislative functions and responsibilities. Such legislative powers may not be delegated. The legislative powers granted to the General Council on Ministries by Paragraph 827, *1972 Discipline,* are therefore held to be unconstitutional.

October 27, 1972

Dissenting Opinion

I concur with the decision to the extent that Paragraph 827.2 may grant to the General Council on Ministries powers which could enable the council to approve actions that might be tantamount to creating legislation.

It is my opinion, however, that not only are the powers granted in Paragraph 827.1 not legislative, but such powers as are granted in that section are required to be ". . . consistent with the actions of the General Conference . . ." and thus could not result in legislation. Therefore, I dissent with the decision as relates to Paragraph 827.1.

FLORENCE LUCAS EDWARDS

Dissenting Opinion

The constitutional power to legislate in all matters connectional is clearly vested in the General Conference. The validity of its legislation to "initiate and to direct all connectional enterprises . . . and provide for their promotion and administration" should be given a strong presumption in the absence of compelling reasons otherwise. Such compelling reasons should be real, not fancied or assumed.

The judicial authority called upon to interpret legislation, in the light of the constitution, should in all cases avoid substituting its judgment for that of a representative legislative authority. In this instance we believe the Judicial Council has erred by applying a narrow and restrictive rule to powers of a legislature which may be delegated, and has repealed by judicial decree an essential part of legislation of great significance to the Church.

The principle long established in civil law that a legislative authority cannot delegate its power to *make laws* is applicable, but should not be applied so narrowly as to stifle

a legislative body in pursuit of orderly and effective governance and administration. We contend that the rule precluding the delegation of law-making power by a legislature, does not embrace every power the legislature may properly exercise. Any power not law-making in character which the General Conference may exercise, we believe it may properly delegate. Thus the General Conference may not delegate its power to make laws in matters connectional, but in the exercise of the power to initiate and direct connectional enterprises of the Church, it has the authority to delegate administrative and functional powers to an agency established for the purpose of promoting the work of the Church.

The powers granted by the General Conference to the General Council on Ministries in Discipline Paragraph 827 are not, in my opinion, law-making authority, but rather ministerial power to achieve functional co-ordination and effectiveness of general boards and agencies in achieving goals of the Church. The law-making powers of the General Conference are expressly reserved, and the ministerial powers granted must be exercised "consistent with actions of the General Conference" and be "subject to ratification by the General Conference."

The constitutionality of Paragraph 827 enacted by the General Conference should have been sustained.

THEODORE M. BERRY

Decision No. 365

In Re: Petition from the Memphis Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to the Legality of an Annual Conference Budgeting an Amount for Supplementary Support of the Office Expense of a Bishop.

DIGEST

The action of an Annual Conference which would include in its annual budget an amount for supplementary support for the office expense of a bishop is contrary to the provisions of the Discipline. This ruling is distinguished from an area expense fund. (See Analysis.)

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On March 23, 1972, the Commission on World Service and Finance of the Memphis Annual Conference received report of a request from the resident bishop for supplementary support of the office of the bishop. The commission took no action, but expressed the belief that such support was chargeable to the Episcopal Fund.

A written request for supplementary support was received by the commission at its meeting on May 4. The request for $1,200 to $1,500 annually for "discretionary purposes" was refused.

On May 29 at the final meeting of the commission before presentation of the 1973 budget to the Annual Conference, the bishop's request was again presented, considered and refused.

The 1973 budget was presented on May 31 by the Commission on World Service and Finance to the 1972 Session of the Annual Conference and it was adopted. The requested item for supplementary support was not included. Later in the day Bishop H. E. Finger, Jr., asked the chairman of the commission, Dr. Charles W. Grant, to report to the conference concerning the request for supplementary support.

After Dr. Grant's report Bishop Finger presented to the Annual Conference the information which he had supplied for the commission. He spoke concerning new guidelines by which direct reimbursement for postage and telephone calls was discontinued. These expenses now "shall be included in the budget for episcopal area offices." (DCA, 1972, p. 26) Upon motion from the floor the conference voted to instruct the Commission on World Service and Finance to provide the necessary funds to grant the bishop's request for $1,200 in supplementary funds. The conference then voted to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision as to the legality of the Annual Conference's action granting supplementary funds for support of the bishop's office.

The Judicial Council received briefs from Jimmy M. Evans, member of Memphis Annual Conference Commission on Finance and Administration, and from R. Bryan Brawner and James A. Crippen of the General Council on Finance and Administration. Oral arguments were presented.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The Memphis Annual Conference in its petition to the Judicial Council asks whether the conference action which would include supplementary funds for support of the office of the bishop complies with the provisions of the Discipline.

Paragraph 15 of the Constitution reads in part:

> "The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of this power shall have authority as follows:
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> "5. To define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the episcopacy, to adopt a plan for the *support of the bishops . . .*" (emphasis added)

The General Conference has provided a plan for the support of the bishops, the Episcopal Fund as defined in Paragraph 857, *1972 Discipline:*

> "The Episcopal Fund, raised separately from all other funds, shall provide for the salary and expenses of effective bishops and for the support of retired bishops and

surviving spouses and minor children of deceased bishops . . ."

Further, General Conference has charged the Council on Finance and Administration with the responsibility for administration of the Episcopal Fund:

> "The Council shall recommend to each quadrennial session of the General Conference for its action and determination: (1) the amounts to be fixed as salaries of the effective bishops; (2) a schedule of such amounts as may be judged adequate to provide for their expense of house, office, and travel; (3) the amounts to be fixed as annual pensions for the support of retired bishops; and (4) a schedule of allowance for the surviving spouses and for the support of minor children of deceased bishops . . ." (Par. 858)

This charge to the Council on Finance and Administration provides four items of episcopal support: salaries; expense of house, office, and travel; pensions; and allowance for surviving spouses and children. Two of these items are defined as fixed: "the amounts to be fixed as salaries of effective bishops" and "the amounts to be fixed as annual pensions for the support of retired bishops." However, concerning other expenses the Council is instructed to recommend "a schedule of such amounts as may be judged adequate to provide for expense of house, office, and travel."

Paragraphs 859 to 865 of the Discipline provide: for apportionment of the Episcopal Fund to the Annual Conferences and to each pastoral charge of the Annual Conferences (Par. 859); for payments from the Fund by the treasurer of the Council on Finance and Administration (Par. 860); for determining travel expenses (Par. 861); and for administering pensions and allowances (Pars. 862-865).

The Council on Finance and Administration defines office expense in Report No. 3 to the General Conference. (DCA 1972, pp. 25, 26)

In 1972 the Council on Finance and Administration presented to the General Conference for office allowance (secretarial and office expense) and office equipment (except for establishing a new office) the following maximum amounts: 1973—$12,000; 1974—$13,000; 1975—$14,000 and 1976—$15,000. This was adopted by the General Conference.

On report forms supplied by the Council to the bishops the following are listed as expenses: secretarial, other staff, employee benefits, taxes, insurance, telephones, rent, travel for others professional services, stationery supplies, postage,

equipment maintenance and miscellaneous. The reporting form includes a column for listing area support.

There are no further provisions, limits, or interpretations concerning the amount which may be judged adequate for the expense of a bishop's office.

In the instant case, the Annual Conference Commission on World Service and Finance refused the request of the bishop for an annual amount of $1,200 to $1,500 for supplementary support. The bishop presented material to the Commission relative to the deficit in the operating budget of the episcopal office and the additional expenses of the coming year. However, the refusal of the commission was based on the belief that all support of episcopal offices should be charged to the Episcopal Fund and that supplementary support by the Annual Conference would be contrary to the provisions of the Discipline.

The Annual Conference responded in a different manner. On learning of the deficit and the additional expenses in the operating budget of the episcopal office, a ministerial member of the conference, stating that he wanted the episcopal office to be "adequately financed," made a motion to instruct the Commission on World Service and Finance to provide the necessary money for supplemental support of the bishop's office. The Annual Conference, in adopting this motion, sought to provide adequate support of the office of the bishop.

The question presented by the Memphis Annual Conference is the legality of actions by the Annual Conference instructing the Commission on World Service and Finance to grant the bishop's request for supplemental funds in the amount of $1,200 for the 1973 budget year.

The Constitution provides that the General Conference shall adopt a plan for support of bishops (Par. 15) and the General Conference has enacted legislation to provide the Episcopal Fund administered by the Council on Finance and Administration (Pars. 857, 858). Although the Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, the right and responsibility to provide support to a bishop has been delegated to the General Conference and the method of furnishing such support has been pre-empted by legislation of the General Conference.

An "Area Expense Fund" is not to be identified as the "expenses of the office of a bishop." Such an Area Expense Fund, which may provide for additional program staff and for services to the churches in the area, is a legitimate claim upon the budgets of the Annual Conferences. It is to be noted that such legitimate claims vary widely depending on geographical location, size of the area, and type of pro-

gram projected for the area by the bishop and the leadership of the Annual Conferences.

We conclude that any need for additional support of the bishop and his office should be addressed to the General Council on Finance and Administration as the administrative agency of the General Conference, and not to the Annual Conference or Conferences in an episcopal area. To permit otherwise would foster double apportionment for episcopal support on those Annual Conferences responding to such requests.

Decision

We hold that the action of the Memphis Annual Conference to provide supplemental funds for office expense of a bishop as requested by the bishop of the area was unconstitutional and invalid.

This ruling is not to be construed as affecting those programs adopted and supported voluntarily as episcopal area projects for which the Annual Conferences provide annual supporting budgets.

October 28, 1972

Decision No. 366

In Re: May an Elder in Full Connection, Who Takes Voluntary Location under Paragraph 367, 1972 Discipline, be Classified on the Conference Rolls, and Serve as a Lay Pastor, Subject to Assignment of the District Superintendent?

DIGEST

An elder who has been granted voluntary location may be classified on the conference rolls, and serve as a lay pastor, but is not subject to assignment of the district superintendent.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On August 8, 1972 the secretary of the Louisiana Annual Conference duly submitted to the Judicial Council a resolution seeking a declaratory decision which resolution had been adopted by the conference during its session of June, 1972. In part the resolution reads:

> "May an elder in full connection, who takes voluntary location under Paragraph 366, be classified on the conference rolls, and serve as a Lay Pastor, subject to assignment of the District Superintendent?"

Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction is based upon Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline*.

Analysis

The question before the Council in this instance consists of two parts: 1) May an elder who has been granted voluntary location be classified on the conference rolls and serve as a lay pastor?; 2) May the said elder be subject to assignment (appointment) of the district superintendent? The answer to the first part lies in Paragraph 366 of the Discipline as enacted by the General Conference of 1972 (Par. 367, *1972 Discipline);* answer to the second lies in that legislation of The United Methodist Church which sets forth the duties of the district superintendent as they have to do with assignment or appointment of persons to serve pastoral charges as pastors.

It is to be noted that in The Methodist Church a body of legislation existed continuously from 1939 according to which an elder who had been granted voluntary location became a local preacher who although ordained was by definition a layman. (See Paragraph 374, *1964 Discipline;* Judicial Council Decisions Nos. 110 and 173.) As such the elder was a member of a local church in which under a pastor he could exercise his orders. He could also serve as an approved supply pastor subject to the appointment of a district superintendent. In The Evangelical United Brethren Church, on the other hand, local elders, including those not continued in the itinerancy, were classified as ministers whose membership was in a local church. (See Paragraphs 271, 272, *1967 E.UB. Discipline.*) Additionally, in The Evangelical United Brethren Church each minister serving a charge held membership on the charge where he served. (Par. 255, *1967 E.U.B. Discipline)*

As enacted by the General Conference of 1972, Paragraph 367 (1968, Par. 366) is the culmination of a process of harmonization that became effective first in 1968, was modified in 1970, and concluded with revision in 1972.

The *1968 Discipline* recognized the located elder to be a minister, and permitted him to exercise his orders as an ordained local minister in the charge in which he was located or in a charge to which he might be appointed temporarily. The legislation of 1970 permitted the located elder to designate the local church in which membership would be held, over against a previous regulation that membership must be in the place of residence. And the legislation of 1972 specifies that the exercise of ministerial functions shall be limited to the charge in which membership is held.

The successive legislation of the years 1968-1972, then, does three things: 1) it recognizes an elder who has been granted voluntary location to be a local elder with minis-

terial status: 2) it permits the elder to designate the local church in which membership is to be held; 3) it permits the elder to exercise ministerial functions in the charge, and only that charge, in which membership is held.

Inasmuch as the elder on voluntary location may serve as a minister in the local church in which he holds membership, and provided that by due process he meets the requirements for the status of lay pastor (formerly called approved supply pastor in The Methodist Church, see footnote, Par. 307.3, *1968 Discipline),* he may be listed on the conference rolls and appointed to serve as a lay pastor.

With respect to the answer to the second part of the question, it is to be noted that there is a difference between the duties of the district superintendent in the former The Methodist Church over against duties in The United Methodist Church. In the former The Methodist Church the district superintendent had among his duties the appointment of approved supply pastors during the intervals between conferences and in the absence of the bishop (Par. 362.3, *1964 Discipline).* No such specific reference is made to this duty in the *1972 Discipline* of The United Methodist Church. Moreover, the latter Discipline (Par. 391.9) clearly reserves to the bishop the duty of appointment, including that of an elder who has been located at his own request. It follows that although such an elder may serve as a lay pastor, he may not be subject to assignment (appointment) of the district superintendent.

Decision

An elder in full connection, who takes voluntary location under Paragraph 367, may be classified on the conference rolls and serve as lay pastor in a church to which he may be appointed, provided that by due process he meets qualifications for status of lay pastor. He is not subject to appointment by the district superintendent, appointment being the prerogative of the bishop.

October 28, 1972

Decision No. 367

In Re: Petition from the North Georgia Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Legality of a New Standing Rule Providing for "Legislative Committees" to Consider Reports of Program Boards and Committees Before They Come to the Floor of the Conference.

DIGEST

An Annual Conference may adopt Standing Rules providing for Legislative Committees to receive reports from its boards and agencies, to refine and change them and bring them to the conference floor for final consideration and action.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Thursday, June 22, 1972, during the session of the North Georgia Annual Conference a resolution was adopted adding a new rule entitled "Legislative Committees" to the standing rules of the conference.

Question of the legality of the provision was raised on the conference floor and immediately after passage of the action, "the proposed standing rule (was) immediately transmitted to the Judicial Council for a declaratory judgment as to its legality under the law of the church."

The Resolution as adopted states:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That a new rule entitled 'Legislative Committees' be added to the standing rules of the North Georgia Annual Conference to follow rule 10 of the existing rules as follows:

"1. There shall be the following standing Legislative Commitees: Christian Social Concerns, Conference, Ecumenical Affairs, Christian Education, Christian Higher Education, Health and Welfare Ministries, Membership and Evangelism, Missions and Church Extension, New Ministries, Pensions, Temporal Economy, or such other designations as may be determined by the Committee on Program and Entertainment on recommendation of the Conference Program Council.

"2. The Committee Chairmen shall be selected by the Bishop and the Committee Secretaries by the Conference Secretary. No person shall serve as chairman or secretary for more than four consecutive years.

"3. Each committee shall have members from each district. The membership from each district shall be determined by the District Council and shall be composed, insofar as is possible, of an equal number of ministers and lay persons on each committee with each member of the Conference being assigned to one of the committees in such manner as to provide balanced district representation among the Legislative Committees. Each charge shall be advised in advance as to the Legislative Committee to which the lay member(s) or minister(s) are assigned. Uniform procedures shall be followed in notifying conference members of their Legislative Committee assignments.

"4. There shall be a Committee on Business and Agenda to be appointed by the District Superintendents, which shall work with the Program Committee, to arrange an orderly presentation of the reports of the agencies, boards, commissions, committees, councils and institutions of the Conference and other Legislative matters.

"5. The Committee on Business and Agenda shall assign the reports of the agencies, boards, commissions, committees, councils, and institutions of the Conference to the proper Legislative Committee where they shall be considered before presentation on the floor of the Conference.

"6. The Legislative Committees shall report to the Conference on all matters assigned to them and may amend or revise the sections of the reports projecting programs or proposals and shall present to the Conference only those matters which require legislative action or items of information which may be deemed of such import as to make such presentation necessary, provided however, that informational reports shall be presented within the time allotted

to the particular Legislative Committee on the conference program.

"7. A minority report may be presented when approved by one-tenth of the members of the Legislative Committee.

"8. Summary reports dealing primarily with agency and institutional achievements shall be accepted for printing in the *Journal* without being read to the Conference.

'9. Reports from the Legislative Committees which involve substantial changes from the *Pre-Conference Manual* shall be prepared in printed form and distributed to the Conference before consideration."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the Discipline.

Analysis

The Discipline grants to an Annual Conference broad freedom to adopt its own rules and regulations with regard to its committee structure, its agenda, its plans of organization, its procedure in handling reports. Paragraph 662.1 states, "The Annual Conference . . . may adopt rules and regulations not in conflict with the Discipline. . . ."

In setting up guidelines for the business session of the Annual Conference, Paragraph 663.4 says:

> "The business of the Annual Conference shall include the receiving and acting upon reports from the district superintendents, the officers, the standing and special committees, the boards, commissions, and societies and also the making of such inquiries as the Council of Bishops shall recommend by the provision of a supplemental guide."

The issue raised by this appeal is whether or not an Annual Conference may provide for legislative committees which will give preliminary consideration to reports and proposals from its agencies, boards and committees, before those reports have been presented on the floor of the Annual Conference. The question is whether or not the report of such a conference agency actually does arrive at the floor of the Annual Conference for which it is intended, or whether the legislative committee's power to alter, change and delete from such report constitutes an interception of the rights of the board or agency to come to the Annual Conference with its proposals.

In summary, the proposed organization of the North Georgia Annual Conference provides:

1) For the reference of all program reports to selected segments of the Annual Conference membership who compose its legislative committees.

2) That such committee may, under the rule, amend, delete, revise and otherwise change any report which is assigned to it.

3) That each legislative committee is required to report to the Annual Conference its actions which require legislation, with the stipulation that any reports which are substantially changed from the pre-conference printed reports must be made available in printed form before conference consideration and action.

4) The Annual Conference maintains its right to take final legislative action on all such reports.

Any organizational structure in an Annual Conference dealing with legislative matters must protect: the rights of the Annual Conference to receive and act on all proposals brought to it; the rights and requirements of boards and agencies that they report annually to the conference; and, the rights of individual members of the conference to be informed on and to participate fully in all legislative decisions.

The Judicial Council concludes that the proposed rule in the North Georgia Annual Conference does in fact protect these rights because it requires that all final consideration and decisions on legislative proposals be made by the total conference membership. Under conference rules all reports are to be in the hands of all members prior to the conference session. All persons who vote in the proposed legislative committees are conference members. If a legislative committee deletes a part of a report or changes drastically the proposals from an agency or board, it is required to provide such changes in writing for all members of the conference. Moreover, any member of the conference may, on the floor of the conference, introduce amendments or substitutions which would restore the original proposal in the form in which it came from the board or agency. In addition, the rule provides a means for a minority report from the legislative committees. The rule, by omission, rightly excludes the Board of the Ministry. (Par. 663.5)

The Judicial Council finds nothing in Paragraph 662.1 or 663.4 which prevents an Annual Conference from channeling its reports and legislative proposals through legislative committees. The rule, here considered, in no way impairs the right of the North Georgia Annual Conference members to take final action and make final decisions on all legislative matters as required by the Discipline.

Decision

The action of the North Georgia Annual Conference in adding a standing rule providing for legislative committees composed of Annual Conference members to receive, discuss, alter, change and refine reports and proposals from boards, agencies, commissions, committees and institutions

before they come to the floor of the Annual Conference is not in conflict with the provisions of the Discipline.

May 25, 1973

Decision No. 368

In Re: Petition from Northwest Philippines Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision Regarding the Authority of a Central Conference Bishop to Appoint a Minister as District Superintendent for More than Six Years in Any Consecutive Nine Years.

DIGEST

The "six year rule" for appointment of district superintendents set forth in Paragraph 391.3 of the Discipline is applicable only within the Jurisdictional Conferences of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Northwest Philippines Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church during its 1972 regular session (June 11, 1972) voted unanimously to request a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council regarding the appointment of two ministers as district superintendents for the eighth consecutive year.

Material submitted with the petition indicates that in 1955 the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference adopted a resolution requesting the presiding bishop to appoint and reappoint the district superintendents for a term which shall not exceed four (4) consecutive years. However, the Judicial Council has not been asked to rule on the legality of that resolution.

Pertinent excerpts from the 1972 Conference Journal of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference read:

> "When the bishop appointed Revs. Isagani A. Curameng and Regino A. Aquinaldo as district superintendents for the eighth consecutive year the Conference
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> V-32. VOTED: To request a declaratory statement from the Judicial Council if a Central Conference Bishop can appoint a superintendent for more than six (6) consecutive years, and to direct the secretary to send the request, upon motion of Gregorio R. Bailen, duly seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion."

The Revs. Isagani A. Curameng and Regino A. Aguinaldo were appointed as district superintendents by Bishop Jose L. Valencia for the first time in 1965 and were reappointed yearly until the retirement of Bishop Valencia in 1968. The following year, and yearly thereafter, they were again appointed as district superintendents by the new presiding bishop, Paul Locke A. Granadosin. During the last session of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference they were reappointed district superintendents for the eighth consecutive year.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The Constitution, Paragraph 58, *1972 Discipline,* provides that:

> "In each Annual Conference there shall be one or more district superintendents who shall assist the bishop in the administration of the Annual Conference and shall have such responsibilities and term of office as the General Conference may determine."

The General Conference has seen fit to place certain limitations upon bishops regarding the appointment of ministers to their places of work and responsibility. These limitations are set forth in Paragraph 391 of the *1972 Discipline.* One of these limitations relates to appointment of district superintendents. Paragraph 391.3 states:

> "The bishop shall choose and appoint district superintendents annually, *but within the Jurisdictional Conferences of the United States* no minister shall be appointed a district superintendent for more than six years in any consecutive nine years." (Emphasis added)

The limitation regarding the number of consecutive years for which a minister may be appointed a district superintendent as stated in Paragraph 391.3, quoted above, is clearly meant to apply only within the Jurisdictional Conferences of the United States. It cannot be held to apply to Central Conferences. It has been argued that the Discipline, Paragraph 399.2, gives to bishops in Central Conferences "authority similar to that exercised by bishops elected by or administering in a Jurisdictional Conference," and that therefore the limitations of Paragraph 391.3 apply to Central Conferences as a similar authority to that which is exercised in Jurisdictional Conferences. To argue thus would be to nullify specific legislative enactments of the General Conference. The General Conference has not legislated in the matter of the number of consecutive years that a minister may serve as a district superintendent in an Annual Conference, other than in the Annual Conferences within the Jurisdictional Conferences of the United States.

If no legislation placing restrictions on the number of years that a minister may serve as district superintendent is enacted, then the authority of appointment rests with the Central Conference bishop, for the same paragraph (391.3) states, "The bishop shall choose and appoint the district superintendents annually, . . ."

Decision

The provision of the Discipline that a bishop shall not appoint any minister a district superintendent for more

than six years in any consecutive nine years (Par. 391.3) applies specifically and only within the Jurisdictional Conferences of the United States and therefore a Central Conference bishop is not limited by this restriction.

May 25, 1973

Memorandum No. 369

In Re: Request from the Executive Board of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia for a Clarification of Decision No. 350 and Memorandum No. 355.

Pursuant to Judicial Council Decision No. 350 and Memorandum No. 355 in April, 1972, the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia at its session, Nov.-Dec. 1972, appointed a new Committee for Consultation on church union with the Church of North India. Prior to such consultation this committee held a group meeting in February, 1973. From reports we have had on this meeting, there was much discussion about the authority of this Committee on Consultation to make modifications to the Fourth Plan of Union. It was pointed out that some modifications were necessary, in view of the changed situation, particularly in the section on "The Unification of The Ministry." This was due to several factors. The Fourth Plan had envisaged the coming together of seven churches. When the participation of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia was delayed, the other six churches proceeded in 1970 to form the Church of North India. Thus, the present consultation involves two churches instead of the original seven.

Much of the discussion in the Committee on Consultation revolved around the question of whether or not the Central Conference in carrying out the requirements of the Judicial Council Decision, by consultations with the Church of North India, had the authority to modify the Fourth Plan of Union to fit the changed factors in the present situation.

A resolution from the Committee on Consultation was ordered by the Executive Board of the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia to be sent to the Judicial Council as a request for further clarification of Decision No. 350 and Memorandum No. 355. The request was sent by Rev. J. B. Satyavrata, Secretary of the Executive Board. It reads as follows:

"RESOLUTION:

"WHEREAS, the Consultation Committee of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia, appointed by the MCSA

Central Conference at its regular Twenty-eighth Session from November 28 through December 5, 1972, at Jabalpur, was constituted with authority to enter into consultation as soon as possible with the Church of North India according to the directions of the Judicial Council Decision No. 350 and subsequent Memorandum No. 355, and

"WHEREAS, the Consultation Committee met on February 12, 1973 at the Parish Hall, Christ Church, Delhi, with the intention and purpose of arranging union of M.C.S.A. with the Church of North India on the basis of the Plan of Church Union (revised) IVth edition, and

"WHEREAS, some obstacles came in the way of this Committee in view of the fact that there are two rather than seven churches to be united and that the Fourth Plan is not to be changed, while on the other hand it has been indicated that the final effecting of union will "involve the working out of numerous details" in implementing the Plan of Church Union IVth Edition according to and in terms of Decision No. 350 of the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church unless certain modifications in Part II, The Unification of the Ministry, of the Fourth Plan are made, making it possible for the unification of the ministry:

"THEREFORE, this Consultation Committee petitions the Judicial Council through the Executive Board of the M.C.S.A., requesting authorization for this Committee to make necessary modifications in the Fourth Plan of Church Union in consultation with the Church of North India as are necessary in implementing the Decision No. 350 of the Judicial Council."

While we have no further official report on the matter, we assume that this Committee on Consultation has been meeting with the representatives of the Church of North India on the details in question. We have received briefs on this request from Mr. Cecil T. Richards, Mr. S. Charles, and Prof. S. R. Silas.

On the record we have received, this request to the Judicial Council is far from clear as to what specific points need clarification. Sometimes the record of the Committee on Consultation speaks of the need for "substantial changes," sometimes for "minor changes" in the Fourth Plan of Union. The record before us sounds at times as though what is involved is merely a change in wording to fit the present situation, and at other times as though new items, not included in the Fourth Plan of Union, were being introduced into the negotiations. The actual wording of the particular resolution which became the petition sent to us

by the Executive Board sounds more like a request for authorization, than for clarification. If what is sought in this request is a clarification of the authority of the Central Conference to enter into consultation with the Church of North India for the purpose of working out any remaining details for the consummation of the union which was voted, the Judicial Council is of the opinion that such authorization, and its limitations, are clearly outlined in its Decision No. 350 and Memorandum No. 355.

We would emphasize again that there is no authority to reopen, revise or re-negotiate the Fourth Plan of Union which was authorized by the General Conference and approved by the required votes of the Central Conference and its constituent Annual Conferences. Any remaining details must be worked out "within the framework of the Fourth Plan." If it is discovered that some matters were omitted, the Plan cannot now be revised to include them. They will have to be worked out within the new, merged Church.

The Judicial Council, at the time of Decision No. 350 and Memorandum No. 355, was aware of the fact that six of the seven churches involved in the Fourth Plan of Union had already come together on the basis of the Plan to become the Church of North India. It is understandable that this would involve some incidential changes in the wording in the Fourth Plan of Union to accommodate the new situation.

We would point out that the Central Conference is still under the mandate of the authorization of the General Conference and the overwhelming vote of the Central Conference and its Annual Conferences to proceed as swiftly as possible to the consummation of union under the Fourth Plan.

May 25, 1973

Decision No. 370
In Re: Action of the Tenth Philippines Central Conference on the Status of Bishops Pending Episcopal Elections.

DIGEST

Bishops of a Central Conference elected for a term are entitled to continue service in their episcopal office until the close of the Central Conference session in which their successors are to be elected. The action to adjourn the session to a future date to continue the election balloting postpones the closing of the session and expiration of term of office.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the Tenth Regular Session of the Philippines Central Conference held November 29 to December 3, 1972, 23 ballots were conducted

without election of two bishops to succeed incumbent bishops elected for a term of the quadrennium 1968-1972. At the conclusion of the 23rd ballot, the Conference voted "that an adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference be called in 1974," to complete the episcopal election and other unfinished matters. By authority of the conference, the Coordinating Council has fixed January 23-27, 1974 as dates for the adjourned meeting of the Central Conference.

Thereafter, the Philippines Central Conference voted the following actions: (1) that Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer be retired as bishop under the *1972 Discipline* Paragraph 396.2 and referred the action to the Council of Bishops; (2) that the outgoing bishops be permitted to stay in their episcopal residences for a period of not more than six months from adjournment of the conference or the arrival of the bishops sent by the Council of Bishops to provide residential supervision, whichever occurred first; (3) that the Council of Bishops be requested to provide episcopal supervision over the Manila and Baguio Areas under provisions of Paragraph 385 of the *1972 Discipline*.

The question as to the status of incumbent Bishops Cornelio M. Ferrer and Paul L. A. Granadosin was sought to be presented to the Judicial Council by petitions from two individual members of the Central Conference; by petition from the National United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship of the Philippines; and by an appeal of the College of Bishops of the Philippines Central Conference. The views of the Council of Bishops on this matter have been presented by brief to the Judicial Council.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1508 of the *1972 Discipline* on finding that an appeal has been made by a majority of bishops of the Philippines Central Conference.

Analysis

The Constitution of The United Methodist Church (Par. 30.2) provides that Central Conferences shall have the power to elect the bishops in number as may be determined, "upon a basis fixed by the General Conference."

The Constitution further authorizes Central Conferences to make rules and regulations for the administration of work within their boundaries, "subject to the powers vested . . . in the General Conference" (Par. 30.5).

The enabling act of the General Conference creating the Philippines Central Conference authorized the election of two bishops.

The 1968 Philippines Central Conference enacted legislation that bishops be elected for four year terms, provided that a bishop elected for three consecutive terms shall be considered elected for life. It was at this same conference that Bishops Cornelio M. Ferrer and Paul L. A. Granadosin were elected for the quadrennium 1968-1972 and were consecrated.

It is apparent from the record that the general impression is prevalent in the Philippines Central Conference that the

election of bishops for the term of a quadrennium is a fixed term and the entitlement to the office of bishop terminates with the quadrennium.

If this was the intent of the 1968 legislation establishing a term episcopacy, it failed to regard "the basis fixed by the General Conference" in the exercise of Central Conference power to elect bishops. (Par. 30.2)

The power of a Central Conference to fix and terminate the term of office of a bishop is limited and controlled by legislation of the General Conference in Paragraph 399 which provides that bishops shall be elected, "subject to such other conditions as the General Conference shall prescribe." Specifically, Paragraph 399.4 provides that in a Central Conference where term episcopacy prevails, "their (bishops') term of office shall expire at the close of the Central Conference at which their successor is elected." The statute does not provide for the failure to elect a successor.

In the instant case, the failure or inability of the Central Conference to elect, after 23 ballots, successors to the incumbent bishops, and the action to continue the conference to an adjourned session to complete the election, effectively postponed the official closing of the conference and the expiration of terms of office. Had the Central Conference adjourned its session *sine die,* thereby officially closing its session without electing successor bishops, the incumbent terms of episcopal service would have then expired. The provisions of Paragraph 385 might then have been appropriately invoked.

We conclude that Bishops Ferrer and Granadosin continue in the function of their respective episcopal powers, duties and obligations, and are entitled to all the privileges of their episcopal offices, until their successors are elected or the adjourned session of the 1972 Philippines Central Conference is closed.

The acts of the 1972 Philippines Central Conference (1) to retire a term bishop; (2) to limit or curtail the privilege of episcopal residence; and (3) to request episcopal supervision over areas which are the episcopal responsibility of the elected incumbent bishops were and are unconstitutional and without legal authority or effect.

Decision

Bishops Cornelio M. Ferrer and Paul L. A. Granadosin elected for a quadrennium term (1968-1972) continue in their episcopal offices until the close of the 1972 adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference.

When a Central Conference in regular session acts to continue its election balloting at an adjourned session at a

particular time, the regular session continues in recess and the conference is not closed. Any declaration of the presiding officer that the conference is closed after action establishing an adjourned session is in error and of no legal effect to close the conference.

May 25, 1973

Dissenting Opinion

I respectfully dissent from the opinion of the majority for the following reasons.

The election of a bishop for a term of four years imposes a binding tenure agreed on prior to the balloting.

The Philippines Central Conference in keeping with Par. 30.2 of the Constitution had the power to elect bishops "in number as may be determined from time to time, upon a basis fixed by the General Conference."

The enabling legislation of the 1968 General Conference fixed the number and authorized the election of two bishops by the 1968 Philippines Central Conference.

Par. 631.3 gives to Central Conferences the power to fix the tenure of a bishop elected by said Central Conferences.

Par. 631.3 states:

> "When a Central Conference shall have been authorized to elect bishops, such elections shall be conducted under the same general procedure as prevails in the Jurisdictional Conferences for the election of bishops. A Central Conference shall have power to fix the tenure of bishops elected by the said Central Conference."

Pursuant to the above authority and in keeping with Par. 631.3 the 1968 Philippines Central Conference elected for a four-year term (1968-1972) Bishops Cornelio M. Ferrer and Paul L. A. Granadosin.

Par. 631.3 gives to the Philippines Central Conference the power to fix the tenure of a bishop elected by said Central Conference. In Par. 631.3 there is no limitation stated of the power *"to fix the tenure."*

The fact of tenure for four years was not only voted by the 1968 Philippines Central Conference but acknowledged by Bishops Ferrer and Granadosin in running for re-election in 1972 for another four-year term and in their personal remarks made by the bishops to the Conference when they were not re-elected.

My dissent is also in the interpretation by the majority of Par. 399.4. This paragraph presupposes the expiration of a term of a bishop and the election of a successor at the

Central Conference session. It offers no provision on procedure when a successor is not elected and a term is expiring.

The legislation states in Par. 399.4 that:

> ". . . bishops whose term of office expires prior to the time of compulsory retirement because of age and who are not re-elected by the Central Conference shall be returned to membership as traveling elders in the Annual Conference (or its successor) of which they ceased to be a member when elected bishop."

Par. 399.4 further states:

> "Their term of office shall expire at the close of the Central Conference at which their successor is elected, and they shall therefore be entitled to participate as a bishop in the consecration of the successor."

The intent is to give a bishop whose term is expiring the right to "participate as a bishop in the consecration of the successor" and fixes that the authority of the office of the bishop whose term is expiring "shall expire at the close of the Central Conference at which their successor is elected."

But what happens if the Central Conference does not elect a successor? Can a bishop whose term is expiring and who is not re-elected be kept in office by the Central Conference holding an adjourned session at which there may or may not be an election?

Par. 399.4 does not provide legislation on what to do when the Central Conference fails to elect a successor and terms are expiring.

To use Par. 399.4 to extend the term of office of a term bishop when no successor is elected violates the integrity of the binding and limiting tenure of a term bishop authorized in Par. 631.3. Further, it achieves by non-election what could not be realized by re-election, the continuance in office of a term bishop beyond his tenure.

When there is no elected successor and there is an expiration of term of service and an adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference is voted to be held later in 1974, then in the interim, in this instance over a year between the regular and the later adjourned session, an emergency exists.

Par. 385 states:

> "In the case of an emergency in a Central Conference through the death, expiration of term of service, or any other disability of a bishop, the Council of Bishops may assign one of its members to furnish the necessary episcopal supervision for that field."

Par. 385 is the legislation, not Par. 399.4, that in my judgment provides for continuity of the affairs of the Philippines

Central Conference when there is "an expiration of term of service" of a bishop.

Based on this interpretation of the legislation, the College of Bishops of the Philippines Central Conference is vacant until two successors are elected.

The action of the Philippines Central Conference to invoke the emergency provision of Par. 385 for the interim because of the "expiration of term of service" was proper.

TRUMAN W. POTTER

Decision No. 371

In Re: Ruling of the Reverend Ignacio P. Bautista, President Pro Tempore, 1973 Session of the Philippines Annual Conference on the Scope of Ministerial Membership in an Annual Conference as a Basis for Representation in a Central Conference and in an Adjourned Session Thereof.

DIGEST

All ministerial members of an Annual Conference shall be counted in determining the maximum number of delegates to the Central Conference to which an Annual Conference may be entitled. Such ministerial members include members in full connection, probationary members and associate members, both active and retired. A Central Conference may fix a ratio of representation which is less than the maximum fixed by the General Conference. When an adjourned session of a Central Conference has been called, no changes in the ratio of representation may be made in the interim.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Philippines Central Conference at its regular session, November 29 to December 3, 1972, voted that an adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference be called in 1974. By authority of the conference, the Coordinating Council fixed the date of January 23-27, 1974, for the adjourned session.

The Philippines Annual Conference, in session in May, 1973, elected the Rev. Ignacio P. Bautista to be President Pro Tempore. During the session, on May 18, the chair was asked to rule on the meaning of "ministerial members" of an Annual Conference for the purpose of fixing the number of delegates from the Philippines Annual Conference to the adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference in 1974.

Apparently the Philippines Central Conference had been interpreting "ministerial members" to mean members in full connection and the Annual Conferences had elected delegates to the Central Conference on this basis.

The chair ruled that under Paragraphs 315 and 660.1 of the *1972 Discipline*, ministerial membership in an Annual Conference includes members in full connection, probationary members and associate members, and that upon this definition and on the ratio of one ministerial delegate for every six members of an Annual Conference (Par. 630.1) the Philippines Annual Conference was entitled

to elect three more ministerial and three more lay delegates to the adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference.

Jurisdiction

This ruling is properly before the Judicial Council under Paragraphs 661.5 and 1512 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

In its Decision No. 327, the Judicial Council answered a similar question concerning the scope of ministerial membership in an Annual Conference as a basis for representation in the General Conference. It declared that ministerial membership in an Annual Conference includes members in full connection, probationary members and associate members, both active and retired, and that all such members are to be counted in determining the number of delegates to the General Conference to which an Annual Conference is entitled.

While the present question before us concerns delegates to the Central Conference, it is in part the same question, namely the scope of ministerial membership in an Annual Conference. We re-affirm our Decision No. 327 and, insofar as the ruling of the Rev. Bautista conforms to this decision, we affirm his ruling.

There are, however, two other matters involved in the ruling before us: 1, the authority of a Central Conference to fix, within limits, the ratio of representation from its Annual Conferences; 2, the composition of an adjourned session of a Central Conference.

Paragraph 630.1 reads in part:

> "The Central Conference shall be composed of ministerial and lay members in equal numbers, the ministerial members elected by the ministerial members of the Annual Conference and the lay members by the lay members thereof. Their qualifications and the manner of election shall be determined by the Central Conference itself, subject only to constitutional requirements. Each Annual Conference and Provisional Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least two ministerial and two lay delegates, and no other selection of delegates shall be authorized *which would provide for more than one ministerial delegate for every six ministerial members of an Annual Conference,* except that a majority of the number *fixed by a Central Conference* as the ratio of representation shall entitle an Annual Conference to an additional ministerial delegate and an additional lay delegate." (emphasis added)

It is clear that a Central Conference is given the authority

to fix the ratio of representation from its Annual Conferences as long as the ratio fixed does not provide for more than one ministerial delegate for every six ministerial members of an Annual Conference which is the maximum fixed by action of the General Conference, using the definition of "ministerial members" as defined by Paragraphs 315 and 660.1.

A Central Conference, however, has the authority to fix a ratio of representation which would provide for a smaller number of delegates from its Annual Conferences than the maximum allowed. While the Philippines Central Conference may have erred in equating "ministerial members" with members in full connection, its interpretation had the effect of fixing a ratio of representation below the maximum allowed by the Discipline which was, therefore, a valid ratio. It was accepted by the Annual Conferences which elected delegates to the 1972 session of the Philippines Central Conference.

While the ruling by the President Pro Tempore of the meaning of ministerial membership in an Annual Conference is correct, any change in the ratio of representation must be by action of the Central Conference for future elections and not in the action of one Annual Conference in the interim between the regular and adjourned sessions of the Central Conference. We would point out again that the General Conference does not fix the ratio of representation in a Central Conference, only the maximum allowed. The Central Conference fixes its own ratio. Therefore, the ruling that the Philippines Annual Conference had the right to elect six more delegates to the adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference is in error and should be reversed.

Furthermore, the very nature of an adjourned session requires that its composition remain the same as in its regular session. The Discipline grants a Central Conference the right to hold such adjourned sessions as it may determine (Par. 630.3). *Robert's Rules of Order* (1970 edition, pages 79, 153, 373) points out that an adjourned session to continue business or to complete an election is a continuation of the session scheduling it. It takes up its work at the point where it was interrupted by the recess. The Judicial Council has held in Decision 221 (1964) that an adjourned session of a conference shall be composed of the same number of delegates elected to that conference.

Decision

The definition of ministerial membership in an Annual Conference in Paragraphs 315 and 660.1 is determinative of

the meaning of "ministerial members" in Paragraph 630.1 as a basis for representation in a Central Conference.

The General Conference fixes only the maximum ratio of representation for delegates to the Central Conference. Within that limitation the Central Conference fixes its own ratio of representation. That ratio cannot be changed in the interim between the regular and adjourned session of a Central Conference.

The decision of law of the President Pro Tempore of the Philippines Annual Conference is affirmed in its interpretation of the scope of ministerial membership in an Annual Conference, but reversed in the ruling that the Philippines Annual Conference was entitled to six more delegates to the adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference.

The Philippines Central Conference, for all future elections, must adjust its ratio of representation to the definition of "ministerial members" affirmed by this decision.

November 9, 1973

Decision No. 372

In Re: Ruling of Bishop Jack M. Tuell on the Eligibility of Affiliate and Associate Members of a Local United Methodist Church to be Members of and to Vote in the Administrative Board, Charge Conference or Church Conference.

DIGEST

Affiliate and associate members of a local United Methodist Church are not eligible to be members of nor allowed to vote in the Administrative Board, Charge Conference or Church Conference. Such affiliate and associate members may hold only such offices as are not elsewhere in the Discipline limited to "members of the local church."

STATEMENT OF FACTS

John J. Shaffer, Pastor of the Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish, raised the question of the voting rights of affiliate and associate members. He noted there appeared to be inconsistencies in the Discipline.

Mission Superintendent Ac C. Wischmeier replied that it was his opinion that affiliate and associate members are not eligible to serve on the Administrative Board as Paragraph 149 states "all shall be members of the local church."

A written request was made by John J. Shaffer to the Alaska Missionary Conference for a ruling on the question of the eligibility of affiliate and associate members of a local church to be members of the Administrative Board, Charge Conference, or Church Conference of the local church.

Bishop Jack M. Tuell ruled affirming the decision of the Missionary Superintendent Ac C. Wischmeier. The ruling was challenged in the Annual Missionary Conference session. With the necessary 1/5 vote of the members present and voting, the conference voted to refer

the ruling to the Judicial Council for its decision. The report and transmittal was made June 27, 1973 to the secretary of the Judicial Council by Bishop Jack M. Tuell of the Portland Area.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1511 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

Paragraph 108 of the Discipline makes it absolutely clear that to be a member of a local church one must first be baptized and secondly come into membership either by confession of faith or transfer. Paragraph 126, which defines affiliate members and associate members, does not require either confession of faith or transfer of membership.

Paragraph 108 states:

> "The membership of a local United Methodist Church shall include all baptized persons who have come into membership by confession of faith or transfer and whose names have not been removed from the membership rolls by reason of death, transfer, withdrawal, or removal for cause."

The Discipline of The United Methodist Church also provides in Paragraph 126 that:

> "A member of The United Methodist Church, residing for an extended period in a city or community at a distance from the member's home church, may on request be enrolled as an affiliate member of a United Methodist Church located in the vicinity of the temporary residence. The home pastor shall be notified of this affiliate membership. Such membership shall entitle the person to the fellowship of that church, to its pastoral care and oversight, and to participation in its activities, including the holding of office, but that person shall be counted and reported only as a member of the home church. A member of another denomination may become an associate member under the same conditions."

The intent of this paragraph is to provide spiritual and pastoral care to a person who chooses to remain a member of a home church elsewhere but at said member's request may be enrolled as an affiliate or associate member, with rights described in Paragraph 126.

Were it not for the phrase, ". . . including holding of office . . .", the question would be easy to solve.

To limit the person from membership on the Administrative Board is effectively to eliminate him from some posi-

tions. It does not, however, eliminate him from holding office. One can hold offices as Vice Chairman, Secretary, Chaplain, Treasurer, Chairman of Ad Hoc Committees, in addition to being a member of a number of important committees. It would appear that this is the application intended for the phrase, ". . . including the holding of office . . ."

Paragraph 126 clearly states, ". . . including the holding of office . . .", however, there are three statements in the Discipline that limit the rights set forth to members in the local church.

1. Paragraph 149 states in part that for the Administrative Board: "All shall be members of the local church except where Central Conference legislation provides otherwise."

2. Paragraph 144.2 states for membership in a Charge Conference: ". . . shall be all members of the Administrative Board named in Paragraph 149 . . ."

3. Paragraph 147 states voting in a Church and/or Charge Conference is restricted "to all local church members present at such meetings."

Where persons may be residing in an area for reasonably lengthy periods of time, it might well be they should select a transfer of membership rather than affiliate or associate membership. In this way, they are not only entitled to all of the benefits of church membership, but share in all of its responsibilities.

While it is recognized that the will of the General Conference has been to encourage fuller participation in church activities, the seeming conflict in the statement regarding holding office in Paragraph 126 and the limiting statements in other paragraphs of the Discipline must be resolved in favor of limiting the rights of affiliate and associate members. If a different result is desired, it must come as the result of changes in the Discipline.

Decision

The Judicial Council affirms the decision of Bishop Jack M. Tuell which states that affiliate and associate members are not eligible to be voting members of the Administrative Board, Charge Conference or Church Conference of a local United Methodist Church.

November 9, 1973

Dissenting Opinion

We find ourselves unable to agree with our colleagues in this decision. We can find nothing in the Discipline which requires the interpretation which it gives to Paragraph 126.

The majority opinion acknowledges that the question would be easy to solve were it not for the phrase in paragraph 126 which states that among the rights of affiliate and associate members of the local church is the right of participation in the activities of the local church ". . . including the holding of office . . ." That phrase, however, is there and it is not qualified in any way. There are no restrictions in this paragraph or in any other paragraph of the Discipline which would entitle affiliate and associate members to hold certain offices in the local church and forbid them to hold certain other offices.

The majority opinion finds that this right to hold office is limited by other paragraphs of the Discipline which make local church membership a requirement for voting membership on an administrative board or in a charge or church conference, thus disqualifying affiliate or associate members from membership on an administrative board and from holding any office in a local church which carries with it membership on the administrative board. This finding requires the interpretation that affiliate and associate members are not members of the local church. None of the paragraphs quoted make this distinction.

As an illustration, in the Annual Conference there are several categories of membership for ministers, probationary, associate and full members. All are members of the Annual Conference. All have the same voting powers and privileges in the Annual Conference except in certain instances where specific provisions of the Discipline put limitations on probationary and associate members (Par. 322.2 and 325.2). There are no such limitations on any categories of local church membership. Paragraph 126, on the contrary, assures membership rights and privileges to affiliate and associate members without restriction.

The majority opinion finds a distinction between a local church member who has come into the church by the procedure of baptism and confession of faith or transfer and an affiliate or associate member of the local church of whom, the decision says, neither confession of faith nor transfer is required. It needs to be pointed out that an affiliate member has come into membership in another local United Methodist Church through the same procedure of baptism, and confession of faith or transfer and that an associate member has joined that person's local church of another denomination by a similar procedure. The Discipline, in Paragraph 126, grants such members of other local churches the right to choose, for a temporary period, between transfer of membership and affiliate or associate membership, and assures to affiliate and associate members, for that period of

time, all the rights and privileges of membership including the unrestricted right to hold office.

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Decision No. 373

In Re: Ruling of the Reverend Ignacio P. Bautista, President Pro Tempore, 1973 Session of the Philippines Annual Conference, on Action Approving Full Autonomy without Reconsidering Actions of Previous Sessions of the Annual Conference Approving Affiliated Autonomy.

DIGEST

A motion to reconsider is applicable at the same session of an Annual Conference and cannot be applied to later sessions which are in fact different bodies. Even at the same session of an Annual Conference, a motion to reconsider, in the absence of clear language to the contrary in the Rules of Order and Procedure, is in order only on the same day or the next succeeding day after the original vote was taken (not counting a legal holiday or a day on which no business meeting is held). Therefore, a motion on a subject not previously considered at the particular session was properly made without moving to reconsider.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On May 18, 1973, during its sixty-third session, the Philippines Annual Conference voted with a margin of seven votes for full autonomy. This action was taken without reconsidering an action renewed in Annual Conference Sessions from 1966 through 1972, namely, voting for affiliated autonomy. Next day, May 19, 1973, the Chair was requested to rule on the legality of the action taken the day before.

Applying Rule 16 of the "Rules of Order and Procedure of the Philippines Annual Conference" (1972 Journal, page 223), the Chairman ruled the vote for full autonomy null and void. The said rule reads in part, "when any motion or resolution shall have been enacted upon by the Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration."

Rev. Bautista ruled that the vote having been made without first having reconsidered its standing action for affiliated autonomy as required by Rule 16 was null and void.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1512 of the *1972 Discipline*.

Analysis

Among the rights granted by the General Conference to an Annual Conference is the right to "adopt rules and regulations not in conflict with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church," (Paragraph 662, *1972 Discipline*), so that Rule 16 of the said conference, or any interpretation thereof, is valid to the extent that it does not violate United Methodist Discipline.

Motions to reconsider have as their purpose to allow persons who have acted upon a motion to change their mind. It is for this reason that *Robert's Rules of Order* requires that the person making the motion to reconsider must have voted with the majority. It is to be noted that Robert's Rules clearly states, "It can be made only on the day the vote to be reconsidered was taken, or on the next succeeding day . . ."

It would appear that Rule 16 of the Rules of Order and Procedure of the Philippines Annual Conference was intended to have a similar effect and similar application to the motion to reconsider as outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order*. Were a different intent intended, it should be clearly spelled out.

It is significant that the Philippines Annual Conference has over the years reconsidered the question of affiliated autonomy and it does not appear that each time the question was considered a prior motion to reconsider the subject was made.

Inasmuch as the necessity for reconsideration of the vote taken at the 1972 Session of the Philippines Annual Conference was applicable to that session only, it was not of binding effect on a succeeding session and would have been out of order in the 1973 Session. The 1973 Session had full right to determine its agenda; and the action to reverse a previous vote on autonomy without reconsideration was legal and parliamentary.

Attention is called to the fact that there were two avenues to deal with the questions raised herein that perhaps would have been more appropriate. A Judicial Court has been established in the Philippines Central Conference pursuant to Paragraph 30.6 of the Discipline. It would have been appropriate to have submitted this question for its ruling. Another possible resolution might have been for an appeal to have been taken from the chair's decision.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the Rule 16 of the Rules of Order and Procedure of the Philippines Annual Conference was not applicable to the motion for full

autonomy made on May 18, 1973. Therefore, the ruling of Rev. Ignacia P. Bautista, President Pro Tempore, was incorrect and the action taken by the Philippines Annual Conference was in order.

The ruling of President Pro Tempore Ignacio P. Bautista is reversed.

November 10, 1973

Memorandum No. 374

Supplement to Memorandum No. 355, Decision No. 350, and Memorandum No. 369

The Judicial Council, subsequent to Memorandum No. 369, received from the secretary of the Executive Board of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia a copy of Executive Board Resolution No. 55-73, adopted at the meeting of the Board July 18-19, 1973. The resolution was addressed to the Church of North India and dealt with the progress of the consultation on union at that time. The resolution reads as follows:

"We re-affirm the decision of the Executive Board accepting November 29, 1973 as the date for the consummation of the MCSA-CNI Union, and as members of the Executive Board express our conviction that God wills this large unity between our two churches.

"However, we wish to share with our brethren in the CNI the following urgent concerns, assuring them of our determination to move towards larger union with them and to consummate the same on November 29, 1973, subject to the prior fulfillment of the following considerations to the mutual satisfaction of the two churches concerned:

"1. That we deeply appreciate the CNI Executive for reminding us that the proposed wider union between the MCSA-CNI has to be on the basis of Union in the 4th Edition Plan. We on our part humbly wish to remind that the M.C.S.A. is committed to this Basis of Union contained in the 4th Edition Plan, which is not subject to any reconsideration, revision or renegotiation.

"2. That the proposed union of the MCSA-CNI is as between two churches having full rights and voice in

the determination of the Constitution for the new church. To achieve this end it is absolutely necessary that the M.C.S.A. coming into the union have full voting rights in the special session of the Synod which will finalize the Constitution. This is according to the CNI Executive's minutes which states 'that the representatives of the M.C.S.A. will have their full share in the on-going discussions and decision-making on all such matters.'

"3. To make MCSA's effective participation in the finalization of the Constitution it seems necessary that the proposed meeting of the Special Synod be postponed to a date mutually acceptable to the CNI-MCSA Consultation, giving the MCSA needed time to study the Constitution and to present a memorandum on the changes desired by MCSA, and give the CNI needed time to take legislative steps providing voting powers for the MCSA or the dioceses into which the MCSA will go in the Synod as well as time to elect delegates and take other steps to become effectively represented in the Synod.

"4. That the concerns and decisions of the MCSA-CNI Consultation be more explicitly dealt with and reciprocated more adequately than has been done in the CNI Executive as it evidenced by their minutes.

"5. That a further consultation of the representatives be convened in the month of October to consider the reports of the various committees by the MCSA and CNI to study and implement the decisions of the CNI-MCSA Consultation."

The Judicial Council takes notice of information received that the Central Conference has rejected the date of consummation of union of November 29, 1973 by a vote of 97 to 32. The Judicial Council has no further information on the progress of union.

We would remind all concerned of our warning in Memorandum No. 369:

> "We would point out that the Central Conference is still under the mandate of the authorization of the General Conference and the overwhelming vote of the Central Conference and its Annual Conferences to proceed as swiftly as possible to the consummation of union under the Fourth Plan."

We now point out that union must be consummated under the Fourth Plan without further delay.

November 10, 1973

Memorandum Order No. 375

The Judicial Council in session November 8-11, 1973 considered the appeal of the College of Bishops of the Philippines Central Conference seeking a ruling on the legality of conference delegation of unfinished business to its Coordinating Council.

It is ordered that jurisdiction not be accepted for the reason that questions relating to the rules and regulations made by the Central Conference for its governance shall be decided by the Central Conference. (Par. 630.5, *1972 Discipline*)

The 1972 Philippines Central Conference has not been adjourned and has scheduled an adjourned session to be held in January 1974. It was held in Decision No. 370 that the regular session continues in recess. At such adjourned session the Central Conference has authority to complete its unfinished business and repeal or affirm any delegation of authority to its subordinate bodies.

November 10, 1973

Memorandum Order No. 376

The Judicial Council in session November 8-11, 1973, considered the appeal coming from the College of Bishops of the Philippines Central Conference seeking a ruling on the conference vote on the affiliated autonomous church.

It is ordered that jurisdiction not be accepted for the reason that the petition does not raise any question involving the constitutionality, meaning, application or effect of any portion of the Discipline.

The requisite vote for approval of the recommendation to become an affiliated autonomous church is a parliamentary question to be determined by the Philippines Central Conference in adjourned session in accordance with its Rules of Order or *Robert's Rules of Order*. (Par. 630.5, *1972 Discipline;* Philippines Central Conference Rule 37.)
November 10, 1973

Decision No. 377

In Re: Request of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry for a Declaratory Decision as to the Meaning of Paragraph 803.2 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Specifically Whether There Must be Two Members of the Ethnic Groups Listed in Paragraph 803.2 in the At-Large-Members in Addition to Ethnic Representation Who Have Been Chosen as Basic Members.

DIGEST

Paragraph 803.2 recommends guidelines for perfecting a representative body. The guidelines are advisory, not mandatory.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Board of Higher Education and Ministry in affirming the report of the Executive Committee has petitioned the Judicial Council as to the meaning of Paragraph 803.2 and specifically whether in electing its at-large membership it is in compliance with the Administrative Order of The United Methodist Church.

The election of members to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry by the five jurisdictions of laymen, laywomen and at-large members, together with episcopal members produced a representative composition as follows:

10 Episcopal Members
60 Basic Members
25 At-Large Members
—
95 Total

The 95 members include:

4 Hispanic Americans
13 Blacks
3 Asian Americans
13 Former Evangelical United Brethren
4 Under age 18
5 Age 19-24
9 Age 25-34

However, the at-large members elected by the board from the five jurisdictions resulted in only one member of an ethnic group named in Paragraph 803.2. For this reason the executive committee of the board recommended the petition to the Judicial Council for declaratory decision.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.

Analysis

The Judicial Council is asked specifically whether the action of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry in completing its at-large membership, was in compliance with the administrative order of The United Methodist Church.

Paragraph 803 of the Discipline states in part:

"The voting membership of the program boards shall be composed of these categories: basic, at-large, and episcopal.

"1. Basic membership of the program boards shall be nominated by the Annual Conferences and elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences. Each jurisdiction shall elect twelve persons for membership: four laymen, four laywomen, and four clergy in full connection. Each jurisdiction shall be responsible for observance of Paragraph 21, Article VII.

"2. At-large membership shall be elected by a board in order to perfect the representation of ethnic minorities, youth, and young adults, and to bring into the board special knowledge or background. . . . Among the at-large members of each board, it is recommended that there be no less than two of each of the following: Asian Americans, Blacks, Hispanic Americans, and Indian Americans.

"a) There shall not be less than ten nor more than twenty-five at-large members.

"b) Each jurisdiction shall designate two of the twelve it has elected as basic members of the board to serve on the committee to nominate the at-large members. This committee shall be responsible for the observance of Paragraph 21, Article VII."

A program board organized under Paragraph 803 is required to establish a voting membership of three categories: basic, at-large, and episcopal. The total membership should be representative of ethnic minorities, youth and young adults, and adults.

The intent of Paragraph 803.2 is to recommend guidelines for perfecting a representative body and these guidelines are not mandatory. The at-large members to be selected must be selected on the basis of their qualifications as persons and their competency in order to perfect representation and to bring into the board special knowledge and background.

In Decisions 4 and 5 of the Interim Judicial Council the distinction was established between advisory and mandatory legislation to foster a racially inclusive church.

The provisions of Paragraph 803.2 recommending a number of ethnic representatives to be at-large members is advisory only.

Decision

We hold that the Board of Higher Education and Ministry has complied with the requirements of Paragraph 803.2 in the representative composition of its total voting membership.

November 10, 1973

Decision No. 378

In Re: Petition from the South Indiana Annual Conference for an Interpretation of the Meaning of the Word "Served" Used in Paragraph 36 as it Relates to the Number of Annual Conference Lay Members Which a Local Church is Entitled to Elect.

DIGEST

In The United Methodist Church ministers in an Annual Conference serve under appointment. The word "served" as used in Paragraph 36 can be equated with "appointed." Therefore a local church is entitled to elect as many lay members to its Annual Conference as there are ministerial members of the Conference appointed to serve that local church.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The South Indiana Annual Conference at its regular session, June 1973, named a special ad hoc committee on conference lay membership to bring a recommendation concerning the specific question of additional lay members from churches using retired ordained clergy as part-time pastors. The report of the Committee states in part:

> "Whereas we affirm the principle of equal representation of lay persons and ministers in the Annual Conference;
> "Whereas we are a special committee assigned to bring a recommendation concerning the specific question of additional lay members for churches using retired ordained clergy as part-time pastors; . . .
> "Now therefore, our answer to the question raised is that any charge shall elect an additional lay member for each retired ministerial member of the Annual Conference who serves that charge.
> "Be it resolved that this Fifth Annual Session of the South Indiana Conference define the word "served" in the above constitutional section as involving a minimum average weekly expenditure of time of twenty (20) hours and $1,500 annual salary.
> "We recommend the adoption of this report, its definition and resolution, that it be implemented by the 1974 session, and that an interpretation be requested from the Judicial Council."

The report of this committee, including the request for interpretation from the Judicial Council, was adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the conference on June 7, 1973 and forwarded to the secretary of the Judicial Council over the signatures of the presiding bishop and the conference secretary. No briefs or other additional statements have been filed with the Council in this matter.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.2 of the *1972 Discipline*.

Analysis

The direct question presented by the South Indiana Conference is, "What is the meaning of the Constitution in

Section VII, Article I (Paragraph 36) in the sentence, 'Each charge served by more than one minister shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are ministerial members.' " The totality of the resolution presented to and adopted by the conference indicates that the conference was having difficulty because the word "served" is used in Paragraph 36 rather than the word "appointed." In The United Methodist Church a minister is "appointed" to "serve." A minister serves a local church, in his ministerial capacity, carrying out ministerial functions only under appointment by a bishop. Paragraph 390.4 states that it is the duty of a bishop, "To fix the appointments of the preachers in the Annual Conferences. . . . The bishop may appoint an associate pastor for a charge when such an appointment is judged necessary."

The question to be resolved in this petition is whether a minister, who is a member of the Annual Conference, and is employed part-time to perform ministerial functions in a local church, entitles that local church to have an additional lay member to represent it in the Annual Conference.

There is no evidence to indicate that the framers and adopters of Paragraph 36 had in mind anything except regularly appointed ministerial members of the Annual Conference as constituting the basis for the determination of the number of lay members elected by the local church. This Council has been able to find no evidence that any other basis has ever been employed by an Annual Conference. We hold that there is no difference between the meaning of the word "served" and that of the word "appointed" so far as this paragraph is concerned because ministers serve under appointment. A local church, therefore, is entitled to elect a lay member to its Annual Conference for each ministerial member of its Annual Conference who has been appointed to serve that local church during the conference year in which the election takes place.

In view of the pending announcement that the amendment of Paragraph 36 which was proposed by the 1972 General Conference has been approved by the Annual Conferences, the basis for determining the number of lay members of an Annual Conference will be changed. The amendment reads: "That Section 7, Article I (Paragraph 36) be amended by adding a paragraph at the end thereof as follows:

> 'If the lay membership should number less than the ministerial members of the Annual Conference, the Annual Conference shall, by its own formula, provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and ministerial membership of the Annual Conference.' "

Thus this amended paragraph will require that there be as many lay members as ministerial members, including retired members, whether or not they may be serving under appointment. The amendment leaves to the Annual Conference the determination of the procedure it will use in electing these additional lay members. Whether or not any of them will be elected by local churches, and if so on what basis, will be for each Annual Conference to decide.

Decision

Ministers in an Annual Conference serve under appointment. The meaning of the phrase "served by more than one minister" as used in Paragraph 36 of the *1972 Discipline* is not different from what the meaning would be if the phrase "to which more than one minister is appointed" were used. Therefore a local church is entitled to elect as many lay members to its Annual Conference as there are ministerial members of that Annual Conference appointed to serve that local church.

November 10, 1973

Decision No. 379

In Re: Petition of the South Indiana Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision Regarding the Meaning of "Years of Service Under Appointment in an Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church as a Basis for Retirement Eligibility."

DIGEST

Ministers in The United Methodist Church are appointed on an annual basis at the time of the regular meeting of the Annual Conference. A year of service under appointment therefore is service for the period of time from one regular session of the Annual Conference to its next regular session.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The South Indiana Annual Conference, upon the request of its Board of Pensions, on June 8, 1973 voted, by a two-thirds majority vote, to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision as follows:

> "The South Indiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church petitions the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church for its examination of Paragraph 1259 of the *1972 Discipline* of The United Methodist Church. Upon such examination, request is made for a declaratory decision upon the meaning of 'Years of approved service in an Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.' "

The reason for seeking this declaratory decision is presented in the petition to the Judicial Council which we quote:

"The Board of Pensions of the South Indiana Annual Conference discovers confusion as to the meaning of such years of service as applied to the period of time between annual conference sessions and an actual annuity year of twelve full months of pension payment."

"Specifically, the 1941-1942 Indiana Annual Conference year spans the period from September 1, 1941 to June 1, 1942. Thus, the 1941-1942 conference year of the Indiana Annual Conference comprised nine months. It now arises that a minister in Full Connection in the South Indiana Conference, the successor conference to the former Indiana Conference, may apply for retirement on the basis of Paragraph 362.1 after having completed forty years of full-time approved service. However, an examination of his record indicates that he began his conference service on September 1, 1934 and would desire to terminate his service on June 1, 1974. Although he has served for forty full conference years, he will have made annuity payments in the amount of thirty-nine and three-fourths years. Will a nine-month year of an annual conference, caused by its own action in the shifting of dates of annual conference sessions, be considered to be a year of approved service in an annual conference and so be credited against the application for retirement on the basis of having forty conference years?"

"The question for resolution is as follows: 'What is a year of approved service: an annual conference year or a year of twelve full annuity payments?' "

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.2 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

Paragraph 1259 of the Discipline deals with Annual Conference administration only as it relates to years of service *approved for pension credit.* Section 1 of the paragraph states:

"The Annual Conference, on recommendation of the conference Board of Pensions, shall determine the admissibility and validity of service *approved for pension credit* and the payments, disallowances, and deductions thereunder, subject to the provisions of the Discipline and the rules and regulations of the pension funds, plans and programs of The United Methodist Church." (emphasis added)

Each section of the paragraph deals with some specific phase of pension credit or payment and provides information and regulations for its administration by the Annual Conference.

Section 1 of the paragraph authorizes the Annual Conference to "determine the admissibility and validity of *service*

approved for pension credit" (emphasis added) but such determination is "subject to the provisions of the Discipline and the rules and regulations of the pension funds, plans, and programs of The United Methodist Church." This authority relates only to *"service approved for pension credit."* (emphasis added)

The Judicial Council, in Decision No. 46, has already determined that a year of approved service for pension credit is a period of twelve months. This decision came as a result of an appeal by the Indiana Conference of The Methodist Church from a ruling made by Bishop Lowe who had ruled that a conference year, even if less than twelve months, constituted a year of service for pension credit. The issue was the matter of pension credit for the "short" conference year (1941-1942) in that conference. The Judicial Council reversed the bishop's ruling. But that decision deals only with pension credit. It does not speak at all to the matter of years of service for retirement eligibility.

Service required for retirement eligibility, that is *"years of service under appointment"* as specified in Paragraph 362.1, and *service required for pension credit,* while obviously related, *are not necessarily the same.* A minister may serve "years under appointment" which never become "years approved for pension credit." This is true, for example, of years served under certain "special appointment" situations where the employer of the minister under such special appointment assumes pension responsibility for those years. In order to give a clear answer to the retirement eligibility of a minister under Paragraph 362.1 this distinction must be understood. It is the real point at issue in the South Indiana Annual Conference situation.

Records of South Indiana Annual Conference show that at the time of conference union in the State of Indiana, under authority of Paragraph 1263, there was created a "Joint Distributing Committee" which functioned for the entire Indiana Area. This committee accepted, as the basis for establishing the number of years of service approved for pension credit, the evaluation which had been made as a result of Judicial Council Decision No. 46 that Indiana Conference's 1941-1942 conference year should be counted as three-fourths of a year for pension credit. This evaluation has been on the records of the General Board of Pensions since the time of that decision. The years of service for pension credit for all ministers in the former Indiana Conference during the 1941-1942 conference year have been evaluated on this basis.

However, the fact that this three-fourths evaluation was made for purposes of pension credit in no way precludes a

different determination for retirement eligibility. Payment of pension annuity premiums is not the determining factor in establishing the "years of service under appointment" required for retirement eligibility. Ministers in The United Methodist Church are appointed for service by a bishop. The ministers are appointed annually at the time of the meeting of the regular session of the Annual Conference. Paragraph 391.1 reads:

> "The bishop shall appoint preachers to pastoral charges annually . . . before the official declaration of the assignments of the preachers, the appointments shall be announced openly to the Cabinet, and *provided* further that before any announcement of appointments is made, the district superintendent shall consult with the pastors and the local Pastor-Parish Relations committees or their chairpersons concerning their specific appointments except when the pastors involved have left the seat of the Annual Conference without permission of the Annual Conference. . . ."

The exception to this procedure is that authorized under Section 2 of the same paragraph which gives to the bishop permission to "make or change appointments of preachers in the interval between sessions of the Annual Conference as necessity may require." The regular and normal procedure of appointment is from Annual Conference session to Annual Conference session and even all appointments made in the interval between sessions of the Annual Conference terminate at the end of that conference year.

Regardless of what understandings may be agreed upon in advance of the regular Annual Conference session, an appointment is not "official" until it is declared at the regular Annual Conference session and no appointment extends beyond the next regular meeting of the Annual Conference. Each annual appointment is officially a "new" appointment.

An Annual Conference year is normally a year of twelve months. However there may be instances, as was the case in the Indiana Conference, when an Annual Conference may desire to change the time for the meeting of its regular annual session. The desire was to change from a fall to a spring meeting time. At the September 1941 session the pastors of the conference were appointed for the ensuing conference year which ended June 1942. In June 1942 the pastors were again appointed for a conference year. The September 1941 session was a regular annual session as was the session of June 1942. Therefore a minister who served out the appointment given to him in September 1941 which lasted only until June 1942, the time of the next regular session of the Annual Conference, served a year under appoint-

ment and is entitled to credit for a year of service toward meeting the retirement eligibility requirements of Paragraph 362.1 of the Discipline even though his pension credit for that period is only three-fourths of a year.

Decision

A year of approved service for pension credit (Par. 1259) is a twelve month year. A year of service under appointment for retirement eligibility (Par. 362.1) is a conference year which is the time between two regular sessions of an Annual Conference.

Ministers in The United Methodist Church receive annual appointments at the time of the regular session of the Annual Conference. Each such appointment continues only until the time of the meeting of the next regular session of the Annual Conference. A year of service for credit toward retirement eligibility for a minister under appointment in an Annual Conference is the period of time from one regular session of that Annual Conference to its next regular session. Thus a person who has served forty conference years under appointment is eligible for retirement under Paragraph 362.1 of the Discipline even though he may have less than forty twelve month years of service for pension credit.

November 10, 1973

Dissenting Opinion

The undersigned respectfully dissent from the majority opinion in this matter.

The problem presented here is merely one of interpretation of the phrases, "Years of Approved Service in an Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church," and "Years of Service Under Appointment." The problem is also in reference to what this means as to retirement eligibility. It is simply a question of interpretation as to whether a year of service means a calendar year or a Conference year.

The majority made the decision that a year of service for credit toward retirement eligibility refers to a Conference year. It is to this decision that we respectfully dissent.

A basic rule of Judicial interpretation is that when there is doubt as to meaning the most common interpretation or meaning should be applied. The word "year" normally and basically means to most people a calendar year. If the General Conference had meant other than the common definition they would have said so.

We, therefore, respectfully dissent.

An alternative thought needs to be expressed in that

Paragraph 1259 of the Discipline gives broad authority to the Annual Conference in reference to these programs. It might be more appropriate for each Annual Conference to make the decision.

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We join in all of the dissenting opinion above with the exception of the alternative thought expressed in the last paragraph: a matter which in the instant case was neither referred by the petitioner nor reviewed by the Judicial Council.

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Decision No. 380

In Re: Petition from the North Central Jurisdictional Committee on the Ministry for a Declaratory Decision as to the Constitutionality of Paragraphs 352.7 and 392 as They Relate to Paragraphs 316 and 308.3, and Petition from the Iowa Annual Conference for Declaratory Decision on Whether Paragraphs 332 and 392 can be Harmonized.

DIGEST

Paragraph 392 of the *1972 Discipline* cannot be harmonized with Paragraphs 332 and 316 and is unconstitutional.

The procedure outlined in Paragraph 352.7 is constitutional but is subject to pertinent limitations imposed by the Discipline.

The itinerant system requires that each effective ministerial member of the Annual Conference is entitled to an appointment and is required to accept an appointment when made.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Board of the Ministry of the North Central Jurisdiction, through its committee on the ministry raised the question of the constitutionality of Paragraphs 352.7 and 392 in the light of Paragraphs 316 and 308.3. Their petition asked the following questions relating to or affecting the work of that committee:

"1. Can a ministerial member in good standing in an Annual Conference be guaranteed an appointment as provided for in Paragraph 316 of the *1972 Discipline* and yet while 'appointed for ministry in and to society' as provided in Paragraph 352.7 have that guarantee limited as indicated in Paragraph 392? Can a ministerial member limit or waive his or her guarantee of appointment?

"2. Can a ministerial member in good standing in an Annual Conference be required to 'accept and abide by these appointments' as provided for in Paragraph 308.3 and yet while 'appointed for ministry in and to society' as provided in Paragraph 352.7 not be 'required to accept' appointment as indicated in Paragraph 392? Can The United Methodist Church limit or

waive its authority to make and the ministerial member's responsibility to accept appointment?"

The Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church requested a declaratory decision on the same basic point posing the following particular questions:

"1. Who shall have sole responsibility for matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers?

"2. What effect does Paragraph 392 have on itinerancy? (itineracy)

"3. What recourse does an appointee under Paragraph 352.7 (cf. Paragraph 392) have to due process of the Board of the Ministry and vote of the Annual Conference?"

A brief was filed on behalf of the Division of the Ordained Ministry of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church.

In addition, a brief on this matter was submitted by the Iowa Annual Conference giving a history of the situation and petition from that conference. In the body of that brief three appendant "questions" are raised as follows:

"A. The involvement of an appointment 'in and to Society' is or is not a matter of Annual Conference Relations?

"B. It is unclear how a return to the 'itineracy' in accord with the *1972 Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, Paragraphs 352.1, 352.7, 392 is handled. There is insecurity and uncertainty at this point on the part of Rev. Robert D. Williams.

"C. It is felt the Rev. Mr. Robert D. Williams' brief, pp 3 and 4, lifts some very pertinent questions, germane to this circumstance and other circumstances."

The brief is accompanied by a statement of background by Bishop James S. Thomas.

A brief was filed by the Reverend Robert D. Williams in which he states that his appointment was made, "without my request, over my objections and never with my consent . . ."

The statement of background and the brief indicate that the petition arises out of a request on the part of Mr. Robert D. Williams, an ordained elder and full member of the Annual Conference since June 1954. A funding shortage forced a discontinuance of his position at Bidwell-Riverside to which he had received a "Special Appointment" from his bishop for the previous two years. In conversation with the district superintendent, Mr. Williams indicated his unwillingness to accept a parish appointment, but requested that he be appointed to "continue an advocacy-at-large ministry." Later he met with the bishop and made the specific request "that he be granted a special appointment with no supervision of a district superintendent and no amenability to the bishop and the cabinet."

Shortly before the Annual Conference convened, Mr. Williams requested a special appointment under Paragraph 352.1 to "a minority-female-clergy-coalition" then being formed. The bishop and cabinet determined they could not make such an appointment to "a new and not fully established organization."

When asked if he desired to request any other type of conference relationship, Mr. Williams replied that "he would accept only an appointment under provisions of Paragraph 352.1." The bishop indicated that he could not, in good conscience, meet this request and further indicated that he would present Mr. Williams for an appointment to society as provided for in Paragraph 352.7. This was done during the conference session on June 10, 1973, following the proper two-thirds majority vote of the Iowa Annual Conference.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

Both petitions for declaratory judgment arise out of questions of interpretation of Paragraph 352.7 and 392 in conjunction with Paragraphs 316 and 308.3.

Reference should be made also to the last sentence of Paragraph 332 of the *1972 Discipline.*

These paragraphs read as follows:

Paragraph 352.7. "At their request, conference members on recommendation by the Cabinet, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference, may be appointed for ministry in and to society beyond the ministries usually extended through the local church and other institutions of, or directly related to the church; *provided* that in no such case shall The United Methodist Church incur any financial responsibility."

Paragraph 392. "Appointees to such appointments as referred to in Paragraph 352.7 may neither be required to accept nor are they guaranteed appointment, and may be returned to a regular appointment only by agreement of the bishop and Cabinet."

Paragraph 316. "All ministerial members who are in good standing in an Annual Conference shall receive an annual appointment by the bishop unless they are granted a sabbatical leave or a disability leave or are in the supernumerary or superannuate relation."

Paragraph 308.3. "The itinerant system is the accepted method of The United Methodist Church by which ministers are appointed by the bishop to fields of labor (Pars. 390, 161.2). All ministers shall accept and abide by these appointments."

Paragraph 332. ". . . Every effective member in full connection who is in good standing in an Annual Conference shall receive an annual appointment by the bishop."

Other pertinent paragraphs read:

Paragraph 331. "Members in full connection with an Annual Conference by virtue of their election and ordination are bound in special covenant with all the ordained ministers of the Annual Conference. In the keeping of this covenant they perform the ministerial duties and maintain the ministerial standards established by those in the covenant. They offer themselves without reserve to be appointed and to serve as their superiors in office may di-

rect. They live with their fellow ministers in mutual trust and concern and seek with them the sanctification of the fellowship. Only those shall be elected to full membership who are of unquestionable moral character and genuine piety, sound in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and faithful in the discharge of their duties."

Paragraph 352. "A conference member may be appointed by the bishop, after consultations with the district superintendents, to a position in a school, college, university, seminary, hospital, home, or agency or to the military or institutional chaplaincy or similar specialized ministry under the following conditions:

Paragraph 352.1. "The institution or agency desiring to employ a conference member shall first, through its appropriate official, consult the member's bishop and secure approval before completing any agreement to employ the member. If the institution or agency is located in another area, the bishop of that area shall also be consulted."

It is apparent in the Iowa case that Mr. Williams was unwilling to abide by the provision of Paragraph 331 which provides: "They offer themselves without reserve to be appointed and to serve as their superiors in office may direct." He refused any appointment to a local parish. He demanded appointment under 352.1 to a particular organization. The bishop and cabinet concluded that they could not appoint him under this paragraph and fully protect his rights and exercise their responsibility for him and the Annual Conference. When offered appointment under 352.7 he also refused, even with written assurances that his concern for his "return to the itinerant ministry" would be treated as if he had been appointed under 352.1. The Cabinet faced a dilemma in that a sabbatical year appointment or location were the only other options. Mr. Williams had received a sabbatical appointment 1970-71 and thereby was ineligible for such in 1973. Apparently to avoid the alternative of involuntary location, the cabinet recommended and the Annual Conference authorized by a two-thirds vote Mr. Williams' appointment under the provisions of Paragraph 352.7 even though they did not have from him a request for such an appointment.

In answer to the specific questions raised by these petitions for decision, it should be noted that the Constitution provides in Paragraph 37, "The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote...on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its ministerial members and on the ordination of ministers..."

Paragraph 352.4. "Conference members under special appointment are amenable to the Annual Conference of which they are members and in so far as possible should maintain close working relationships with and effective participation in the work of their Annual Conference, assuming whatever responsibilities they are qualified and requested to assume."

In Decision No. 325 (1970) the Judicial Council ruled in reference to a plan by the South Carolina Annual Conference moving toward a separate category of the ministry for special appointments to non-United Methodist agencies:

"There is no such separation in the Discipline. Special appointments are a part of the itinerant ministry. If there is wisdom in establishing a separate category of special ministries, distinct from the itinerant ministry, the General Conference alone has the authority to make such changes."

The conditions precedent to such special appointments were clearly outlined in Decision No. 329 (1970), as follows:

"1. The institution or agency desiring to employ a conference member shall first consult or request the member's bishop and secure his approval before completing any agreement to employ. (Par. 352.1)
"We believe it is clear that 'approval' as used means bilateral approval; that the bishop recognizes and approves the position or employment as a specialized ministry, and the institution or agency approves and would employ under conditions of an episcopal appointment.

"2. Where approval is tentatively reached, the bishop must consult with and obtain the recommendation of the District Superintendents for the proposed non-United Methodist appointment. (Pars. 352 and 391.6)

"3. The proposed appointment and recommendation of the District Superintendents must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference. (Par. 391.6)

"4. Thereupon, the bishop may make the proposed special appointment to the position in a non-United Methodist agency."

It is apparent in the record that the bishop and cabinet used these criteria to determine whether or not Mr. Williams was entitled to an appointment under Paragraph 352.1.

These decisions were made before the passage of Paragraphs 352.7 and 392 which appear to create a separate

category of special appointments to non-United Methodist Agencies. This legislation was passed by the 1972 General Conference without debate.

This new provision now becomes a part of a series of provisions in Paragraph 352 which authorizes a bishop to make appointments to positions in institutions and agencies, and to specialized ministries outside of The United Methodist Church.

The provision in question requires that an appointment for ministry in and to society be made only at the request of the conference member.

A reading of the various paragraphs of the Discipline clearly indicates a problem of interpretation if the paragraphs are to be harmonized.

In Decision No. 331 (1970) the Judicial Council cited certain basic rules of statutory interpretation as follows:

"A. Acts in relation to the same subject or object should be construed together.

"B. Construction or interpretation should be avoided which would render part of a law inoperative, or purposeless, unless manifestly required.

"C. Judicial construction or interpretation of a law should be prospective for application, but not retroactive."

An examination of Paragraph 352.7 indicates no real conflict within the Discipline. It is merely another recognition, in a long series of such recognitions by the General Conference of the broadening range of ministerial challenge and service both within and without the Church. It prescribes the provisions and limitations to be observed in making such decisions and appointments.

The real conflict is in the language of Paragraph 392. Paragraph 392 gives the right to special appointees under 352.7 to refuse to accept appointment. This is in direct contradiction of Paragraph 308.3. It also deprives them of the right to a regular appointment except by agreement of the bishop and cabinet which is in conflict with Paragraphs 316, 332, and 391.10.

The legislative result of 352.7 read with 392 is the creation of a special appointment which would not be a part of the itinerant ministry as defined by Paragraph 308.3, and which gives a minister a status, insofar as his future responsibilities and rights of appointment are concerned, similar in many respects to voluntary location.

Although this result is not stated in Paragraph 352.7, this type of appointment must be confirmed by the protective device of a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference. (See Par. 367) On the other hand, under Paragraph 392, a

request for re-appointment does not have that protective device. (See Par. 372)

There is no directly stated Constitutional right to an appointment. However, it is implicit in Constitutional provisions such as Restrictive Rule III (Par. 17) which forbids the General Conference to destroy the plan of our itinerant general superintendency and Paragraph 59 which authorizes the bishops to appoint ministers to charges. It becomes explicit as an absolute right clearly set forth in Paragraphs 308.3, 316 and 391.10, disciplinary provisions which have long been a part of the tradition of the predecessor bodies of The United Methodist Church.

In Decision No. 351 the Judicial Council said:

> "As a member of an Annual Conference, a person makes himself available for an appointment by the bishop. In return, the Annual Conference guarantees this person an appointment each year so long as he is 'appointable' to any appointment in the conference. 'Appointability' is determined first of all by a process of training, testing, and evaluation by procedures authorized in the Discipline to assure a high standard of ministry."

Paragraph 392 cannot be reconciled with Paragraphs 332, 316, and 391.10. There is no indication that the General Conference desired to repeal Paragraphs 332, 316 or 391.10 or to do anything to damage the integrity of the historic itinerant ministry. Therefore, Paragraph 392 must be declared unconstitutional.

In reference to the specific case of the Rev. Mr. Williams, the record indicates that Mr. Williams did not request an appointment under Paragraph 352.7. He is not entitled to an appointment under Paragraph 352.1 as a matter of right. Nor can he be compelled to take an appointment under Paragraph 352.7. This matter should be referred back to the Iowa Annual Conference and Mr. Williams should be given an opportunity to request an appointment, or a special appointment under proper circumstances, or voluntary location.

Decision

In response to both petitions, it is the decision of the Judicial Council that Paragraph 392 of the *1972 Discipline* is unconstitutional and therefore is void and of no effect. Paragraph 352.7 is constitutional.

In further response to the Iowa petition it is the decision of the Judicial Council that the matter be referred back to the Iowa Annual Conference to resolve the problem posed in accordance with this decision.

November 10, 1973

Decision No. 381

In Re: Petition from the Philippines Central Conference concerning the Authority of a Central Conference to Supersede the Majority Vote of Its Annual Conferences on Affiliated Autonomy by Requiring in Its Adjourned Session a Two-thirds Vote.

The Judicial Council in session April 18-20, 1974 considered an appeal coming from the Philippines Central Conference requesting a ruling as to ". . . whether a Central Conference can supersede and render null and void the action of the Annual Conferences . . . in favor of an affiliated autonomous structure."

Jurisdiction is not accepted for the reason that the petition raises a question of parliamentary procedure rather than a question involving the constitutionality, meaning, application or effect of any portion of the Discipline.

Reference is made to Memorandum No. 376 in which the Judicial Council advised, "The requisite vote for approval of the recommendation to become an affiliated autonomous church is a parliamentary question to be determined by the Philippines Central Conference . . . in accordance with its Rules of Order or Robert's Rules of Order. (Par. 630. 5, *1972 Discipline;* Philippines Central Conference Rule 37.)" Such is still the case.

April 19, 1974
(Charles Copher was absent)

Decision No. 382

In Re: Petition of the Board of the Ministry of the Little Rock Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision in the Matter of an Application for Probationary Membership.

DIGEST

An Annual Conference cannot delegate to its subordinate bodies its authority to petition the Judicial Council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Wednesday, May 10, 1973, after the examination and election of those received as probationary members of the Little Rock Annual Conference, a member asked for a declaratory decision (of the Judicial Council) concerning certain persons who have been denied membership in the conference. A motion was made as follows:

"That upon petition by any candidate for any conference relationship who can document that changes in disciplinary requirements have resulted in an injustice to him or her, the Board of Ministry or the executive committee of the Board of Ministry, upon concurrence, be empowered to petition the Judicial Council in the name of the Little Rock Conference for a declaratory decision as to the candidate's eligibility."

After a statement by the Registrar of the Board of the Ministry the motion was passed.

Pursuant to this action by the Little Rock Annual Conference a petition was presented by the Board of the Ministry to the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision on the eligibility of Asa Richard Poss for probationary membership in the Little Rock Annual Conference.

Jurisdiction

There is a basic jurisdictional question before the Judicial Council with this petition, namely: can the Little Rock Annual Conference delegate to its Board of the Ministry the authority of the Annual Conference to petition the Judicial Council (Par. 1515.2)?

To this question the intent of the resolution or appeal was to vote to the Board of the Ministry or its executive committee the right to act in the name of the Little Rock Annual Conference. This intent was affirmed in a letter dated October 9, 1973 to the secretary of the Judicial Council.

The *1972 Discipline* of The United Methodist Church in Paragraph 1515 provides that certain bodies in The United Methodist Church are authorized to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision ". . . . as to the constitutionality, meaning, application, or effect of the Discipline or any portion thereof or of any act of legislation of a General Conference . . ."

An Annual Conference itself may make such a petition, but the Board of the Ministry as a subordinate body of the Annual Conference may not. See Judicial Council Decision No. 309.

Jurisdiction is vested in the Judicial Council only when the petition arises from an authority in the church that has the right of appeal directly to the Judicial Council. Judicial Council Decision No. 29.

The Little Rock Annual Conference cannot delegate its authority under Paragraph 1515.2 (i) of the Discipline, to the Board of the Ministry.

No Annual Conference can delegate to its subordinate bodies its authority to petition the Judicial Council. Therefore, the Judicial Council declines to accept jurisdiction.

April 19, 1974
(Charles Copher was absent)

Decision No. 383

In Re: Petition from the Baltimore Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to the Meaning, Application and Effect of Paragraph 892, Equitable Salaries, and Paragraph 893, Basic Salary Plan, in the *1972 Discipline.*

DIGEST

Any comprehensive, basic or total salary program, by whatever name it may be called, if it is to be adopted by an Annual Conference, must be approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference and by a majority vote of three-fourths of the Charge Conferences in accordance with Paragraph 893 of the Discipline.

Minimum Salary Plans are not affected by this decision.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In 1968 the Baltimore Annual Conference created a Committee to Study Deployment and Salaries of Ministers. This committee made a progress report to each Annual Conference session during that quadrennium. The committee found that there is a close interrelationship between the deployment of ministers and ministers' salaries. In 1970 in his report to the Annual Conference the committee chairman stated:

> "How well the Conference can, in fact, place ministers in situations for which they are best qualified is determined essentially by the ministerial salary system. The two elements, deployment and salaries, are inextricably linked with the practicality of salaries largely controlling the idealism of deployment."

The Annual Conference in its 1970 session adopted "Deployment Guidelines" presented by the committee but not its salary proposals.

The committee, working with the *1968 Discipline*, found two paragraphs—924 Minimum Salaries and 925 Basic Salary Plan—which were related to the salary phase of its work. After considerable study the committee concluded that neither of these paragraphs was entirely suitable for its purposes. It wanted a plan that included much more than simply a "minimum" salary. But it wanted to retain in each individual charge the primary responsibility for the minister's salary rather than the salary centralization provided for under the Basic Salary Plan. In short it wanted something in between these two paragraphs: something which would allow for some flexibility of design to meet specific conference needs.

This is the context in which the 1971 session of the Baltimore Annual Conference authorized the committee to "petition the General Conference in 1972 to replace the Basic Salary Plan and the Minimum Salary Plan with a flexible provision that will enable an Annual Conference to achieve equity of salaries for all." A resolution to accomplish this purpose, setting out the language desired by the committee, was prepared and submitted to the General Conference. The legislation adopted by the General Conference has replaced the Minimum Salaries paragraph 924 in the *1968 Discipline* and appears under the caption "Equitable Salaries" as Paragraph 892 in the *1972 Discipline.* However, what was Paragraph 925, Basic Salary Plan, in the *1968 Discipline* was neither replaced nor altered and appears as Paragraph 893 in the *1972 Discipline.*

Following the 1972 General Conference the Baltimore Annual Conference continued the activities of its committee under its new Commission on Equitable Salaries. The commission prepared a proposed plan for "Equitable Salaries" for the conference which was included in the pre-conference reports for the delegates to the 1973 Annual Conference. The commission recommended that "for 1973 the first step in the scale be guaranteed to all, plus sums of $200-$1,000 per minister per year, depending on the years of service, in five year intervals, after five years of service." The commission stated: "This is the first step in 'phasing in' the system—*within the limits of presently available funds*, additional steps are planned for succeeding years until the system is fully in force."

When the matter came before the 1973 session of the Annual Conference, the conference, by motion, asked its presiding bishop, Bishop James K. Mathews, for his judgment as to the propriety of the proposal. He stated to the conference that it was his opinion that the report and recommendation of the commission was not appropriate under Paragraph 892. He gave his reasons orally. The Judicial Council considers this to be a bishop's decision on a question of law.

The conference discussed the Equitable Salaries Plan as presented to it by the commission, made some amendments to the plans as originally presented, and approved the amended report. Then, in the light of the opinion by Bishop Mathews, the conference voted to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision. The Judicial Council considers this to be an appeal from the bishop's decision.

After the Annual Conference had adjourned, the petition for a declaratory decision relative to the meaning, application and effect of Paragraph 892 pertaining to Equitable Salaries and Paragraph 893 pertaining to Basic Salary Plan, signed by the bishop and the secretary of the conference, was forwarded to the Judicial Council. With the petition Bishop Mathews also sent a statement of his reasons for the opinion that the matter was not appropriate under Paragraph 892. This statement was prepared from his notes made at the time of the Annual Conference and is not verbatim as presented to the conference session. The reasons as stated by the bishop are:

"1. This proposal would limit the right of a Charge Conference's prerogative of setting the salary in discussion with the District Superintendent (see Paragraphs 145.9, 151.2, 890, and 892.7).

"2. The meaning of 'Equitable' is itself unprecise and possibly ambiguous.

"3. The proposal of an elaborate equitable salary plan stresses tenure and training, not qualification and evaluation of performance of minister.

"4. For the annual conference to adopt this proposed Equitable Salary Plan without broad consultation and involvement of Charge Conferences, as implied by the Basic Salary Plan, restricts lay involvement.

"5. The cost and scope of the plan had not been adequately examined.

"6. In a word, the Equitable Salary scheme of Paragraph 892 is not merely a verbal change from the old Minimum Salary plan but it incorporates a number of the aspects of the Basic Salary Plan. Thus the real issue is that Paragraph 892 allows for the possibility of 'Basic Salary Plan' being approved by a *simple majority vote* of an annual conference, and thus negates the safeguard implicit in the *Basic Salary Plan* (see Paragraph 893) requiring a ⅔ vote of the Annual Conference and a ¾ ratification by the Charge Conferences. It was for this reason fundamentally that I gave the opinion that the Equitable

Salary scheme as originally proposed (Exhibit A) would not be in order."

Jurisdiction

The petition from the Baltimore Annual Conference is properly before the Judicial Council as a request for a declaratory decision under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline*. However, for reasons already stated and because the motion made in the Annual Conference was reduced to writing in the minutes, the Judicial Council also accepts this request, under Paragraph 1511, as an appeal from a bishop's decision on a question of law.

Analysis

The Baltimore Annual Conference, through its Committee to Study Deployment and Salaries of Ministers and since 1972 through its Commission on Equitable Salaries, has worked diligently over a period of years to develop an Equitable Salary Plan which would aid in the most effective deployment of ministers and be in conformity with the Discipline. When, under the provision of the *1968 Discipline,* the committee found it difficult to attain its goal, the Annual Conference petitioned the General Conference for disciplinary changes. It sought to have one new paragraph, under the heading of Equitable Salary, replace two paragraphs of the *1968 Discipline,* Paragraphs 924 and 925 which dealt with Minimum Salary and Basic Salary Plan respectively. The General Conference passed legislation creating a new paragraph entitled Equitable Salary which is now Paragraph 892 of the *1972 Discipline.* This paragraph replaces the paragraph on Minimum Salary. However, the General Conference did not eliminate or change the paragraph on Basic Salary Plan. That paragraph is continued as Paragraph 893 of the *1972 Discipline.* Thus an ambiguity has been created.

The Baltimore Annual Conference through its Commission on Equitable Salary filed a brief and at a hearing made a statement to the Judicial Council. The brief recognizes an ambiguity between the two paragraphs of the Discipline, but holds primarily that such ambiguity does not result in conflict or contradiction or, if so, that the legislative doctrine of "recency" would require that Paragraph 892 would prevail.

It is necessary to analyze the General Conference action in the light of its legislative intent. A review of the debate in the Journal of the General Conference makes it clear that the proponents of the legislation intended to propose permissive legislation to allow greater flexibility.

The question then is whether that intent was carried out by the General Conference.

A reading of Paragraphs 892 and 893 together reveals that the problem stated in the debate still exists in the Discipline.

Paragraph 892 does incorporate a number of aspects of Paragraph 893, and the end result is, regardless of the intention of the proponents of 892, that a Basic Salary Plan can be approved by a simple majority vote of an Annual Conference under 892 negating the safeguards in Paragraphs 893, according to the petitioners. This is not correct.

It should be further pointed out that, as written, 892 is not permissive legislation and while the establishment of a Basic Salary Plan under 893 is permissive, the methodology is mandatory.

A careful examination of the debate reveals no intent by the General Conference to repeal Paragraph 893. An examination of the debate reveals rather that action was taken in haste, without sufficient debate, and without sufficient explanation and certainly without the achievement of finding of distinctions between the two paragraphs.

Under the 1968 disciplinary provisions the Minimum Salary paragraph could be implemented in an Annual Conference by a simple majority vote of the conference. The 1972 paragraph on Equitable Salary which replaces it does not require more than this. However, the paragraph on Basic Salary Plan requires for implementation a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference and a majority vote in three-fourths of all the Charge Conferences.

We recognize that many Annual Conferences have instituted Minimum Salary Plans under the provision of the Minimum Salary Plan which is no longer a part of the Discipline. All such Minimum Salary Plans may be continued.

In the case before us, however, we have a proposed salary plan for an Annual Conference which is far more than a Minimum Salary Plan. By whatever name it may be called it is in fact a basic, comprehensive, total salary plan for the conference. It has been suggested that the first step which it proposed to implement at this time is not more than a Minimum Salary Plan. This is irrelevant because this first step is an integral part of the total plan all of which is intended to be implemented.

This plan is clearly a basic, comprehensive one and Paragraph 893 makes the provisions for adopting such a plan. If the procedures outlined in this paragraph were followed in adopting it, there is nothing in the Discipline that would be in conflict with it. Therefore, if such a plan is to be

adopted while Paragraph 893 remains in the Discipline, it must be adopted under the procedures required by that paragraph.

Decision

A comprehensive salary plan for an Annual Conference which is in effect a basic salary plan for that conference, by whatever name it may be called, may be adopted only by meeting the voting requirements of Paragraph 893. The ruling of Bishop Mathews is affirmed.

April 19, 1974
(Charles Copher was absent)

Decision No. 384

In Re: Petition from the Southwest Texas Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Application of Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline*, to Persons Previously Located under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline*, and on the Readmission of a Former Conference Member Who Had Been Involuntarily Located Prior to the General Conference of 1972.

DIGEST

Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline* defines the ministerial status of a former conference member who was involuntarily located under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline* as that of a person whose conference membership and whose right to exercise the functions of the ministry have been terminated and whose ordination credentials have been surrendered. Such an involuntarily located person who was in good standing as a conference member at the time of his location may apply for readmission under Paragraph 372 of the *1972 Discipline* or apply for the restoration of credentials under Paragraph 1536 of the *1972 Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On May 31, 1971, F. Gene Leggett, a member of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference, was involuntarily located under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline*.

In the spring of 1973 Mr. Leggett informed the Board of the Ministry of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference that he would like to apply for readmission. The board, after studying the *1972 Discipline*, found the legislation too ambiguous for it to determine whether or not he had such a right of application. Accordingly the board requested the Annual Conference to petition the Judicial Council for a clarification of the matter. The following petition was voted by the Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

"The Southwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church hereby petitions the Judicial Council of The United

Methodist Church for a Declaratory Decision regarding the application of Paragraph No. 368 of the *1972 Discipline* of The United Methodist Church to a minister who was Involuntarily Located under Paragraph No. 368 of the *1968 Discipline.*

"Furthermore, we petition the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision regarding the right and procedure whereby a minister who was Involuntarily Located under No. 368 of the *1968 Discipline* may apply for readmission to the Annual Conference.

"WHEREAS Nos. 372, 373 and 374 of the *1972 Discipline* do not provide for readmission of persons who were granted Involuntary Location under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline* and

"WHEREAS Nos. 1534 and 1536 do not specifically mention Involuntary Location we request a decision as to whether the provision for restoration of credentials contained in 1536 would apply for a person who had been Involuntarily Located under the *1968 Discipline.*"

A letter from the Board of the Ministry of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference raised some additional, related questions:

"1. Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline* provides the alternative of a trial. Can Mr. Leggett now be granted that alternative?

"2. Since Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline* omitted any provision concerning the local church relationship of a person located under it, what is the church membership status of such a person?

"3. Is Mr. Leggett correct in his feeling that, since his authority to exercise the ministerial office was only 'suspended,' he is also a member of the charge conference?"

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

We have two basic questions before us: 1. The application of Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline* to a person who had been involuntarily located under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline,* and 2. The rights and procedures whereby such a person may apply for readmission to the Annual Conference.

In the Chapter on "The Ministry," Section XVI of the *1968 Discipline* (Paragraphs 365-373) and Section XVI of the *1972 Discipline* (Paragraphs 366-371) are both entitled "Termination of Annual Conference Membership." Paragraph 368 (also 369) of the *1968 Discipline* was on "Involuntary Location." Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline* is on "Termination by Action of the Annual Conference." Both paragraphs deal with procedures by which a member of an Annual Conference may have his conference membership terminated without his consent. The 1968 paragraph "suspends" the right to exercise the functions of the ministry. The 1972 paragraph "terminates" that right. Both

paragraphs require the surrender of ordination credentials.

The *1972 Discipline* has a new following section in the Chapter on "The Ministry" called "Readmission to Conference Relationships" (Section XVII). In none of the paragraphs of this section is there any provision for the readmission of a minister whose Annual Conference membership is terminated by conference action under Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline*. The closing sentence of this paragraph reads "the provisions of this paragraph shall apply also to persons granted involuntary location prior to the General Conference of 1972."

Does this mean that persons granted involuntary location prior to the General Conference of 1972 have no rights or procedures whereby they may apply for readmission? What is the meaning of that final sentence in Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline?*

We should consider it in connection with that final sentence in Paragraph 367 of the *1972 Discipline* on "Location —1, Voluntary—2, Involuntary" which reads "The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to persons granted involuntary location prior to the General Conference of 1972."

It seems obvious that these two closing sentences in Paragraphs 367 and 368 of the *1972 Discipline* refer only to the ministerial status of persons involuntarily located prior to the General Conference of 1972. Such persons, by action of the Annual Conference under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline,* have had their conference membership terminated, their right to exercise the ministerial functions suspended and their ordination credentials surrendered. Their ministerial status is different from the status of those who are voluntarily or involuntarily located under the new legislation (Par. 367 of the *1972 Discipline*), who become ministerial members of the local church and the charge conference and can exercise their ministerial functions under the supervision of the pastor in charge, but the same as the status of persons whose conference membership and ministerial rights are terminated under Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Does this mean that, as far as any rights and procedures for readmission are concerned, there is no difference between such persons who are involuntarily located under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline* and those who may have their conference membership terminated by the Annual Conference under Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline?*

It is sometimes pointed out that there is a great difference between the term "suspended" in the 1968 paragraph and

the term "terminated" in the 1972 paragraph. Indeed there is a difference in the meaning of the terms. The term "suspended," however, in the 1968 paragraph is so qualified by other parts of the paragraph that it has lost its true meaning. The Judicial Council in 1966 (Decision No. 240) made the following comment about the term: "However, the phrase 'shall be suspended' in the instance of involuntary location appears to be an imprecise use of the term 'suspend.' Involuntary location involves a termination of ministerial functions. Therefore the word 'revoked' would be more accurate since surrender of credentials is required." There seems to be little support in the use of different terms in these paragraphs for a different status for those whose conference membership has been terminated under the 1968 paragraph.

There are other considerations, however, which seem to argue for certain rights of application for readmission for persons involuntarily located prior to 1972. It needs to be pointed out that the new 1972 legislation kept a provision for involuntary location (Par. 367.2) but greatly lessened the consequences, allowing a person so located to keep ordination credentials and to exercise within the charge his ministerial functions. The procedure for such involuntary location is largely the same as that in Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline*. The primary difference seems to be in the 1972 emphasis on the fact that the conference must have examined the character of the person to be involuntarily located and found the member in good standing. Neither Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline* nor Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline* requires that the character of the minister involved be passed. This would seem to infer that matters of character might be involved in "involuntary location" or "termination," but this would not necessarily be the case. The causes mentioned for involuntary location in the new Paragraph 367 where a member's character must be passed are that a minister is "ineffective" or "inefficient." Some of the causes mentioned in Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline* where a member's character was not required to be passed are that a minister is "unacceptable, inefficient, or indifferent." These are not necessarily questions of character. The character of every member of the Annual Conference is passed upon at every conference session. If there is anything against a member's character it is noted. In the proceedings of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference in the involuntary location of Mr. Leggett the record shows no charges or complaints of character. It must be assumed then that the involuntary location was granted to him as a conference member in good standing, and that, therefore,

as far as an application for readmission is concerned, he has the same right as those who may be involuntarily located under Paragraph 367 of the *1972 Discipline.*

As a further argument in support of this conclusion, we would point out that it is a well-established principle of law that when a legal action is taken against a person, no subsequent legislation can make the penalty or burden imposed upon that person more onerous or restrictive than that imposed by the legislation under which the action was taken. We have pointed out that the last sentences in Paragraphs 367 and 368 of the *1972 Discipline* could only have validity as they referred to the present status of persons who were involuntarily located under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline.* That status, however, was given to such persons, not by those sentences in the 1972 paragraphs but by the provisions of the 1968 paragraph under which they were located. The final sentence in Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline* cannot add to the penalty imposed by the legislation of the *1968 Discipline.* The final sentence in Paragraph 367 of the *1972 Discipline* cannot take away any rights not taken away by the legislation of the *1968 Discipline.* One of the rights not taken away was the right of application for readmission.

Paragraph 372 of the *1972 Discipline* reads:

> "*Readmission after location.* Ministers who have located under the provisions of Par. 367 from an Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church or one of its legal predecessors may be readmitted by the Annual Conference in which they held previously such membership and from which they located, or its legal successor, or the Annual Conference of which the major portion of their former conference is a part, upon presentation of their certificate of location and recommendation by the District Committee on the Ministry, the Board of the Ministry, and the Cabinet, after review of their qualifications and the circumstances relating to their location. When reinstated by vote of the Annual Conference, their membership in the conference shall be restored and they shall be authorized to perform all ministerial functions."

It is the judgment of the Judicial Council that all who were involuntarily located prior to 1972 as conference members in good standing may apply for readmission under the provisions of Paragraph 372 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Paragraph 372 makes no provision for the restoration of credentials. The omission is obviously due to the fact that the authors of the legislation did not consider its rightful application to members in good standing who had been in-

voluntarily located prior to 1972. It is the opinion of the Judicial Council that readmission to the Annual Conference and the authorization to perform all ministerial functions would of necessity carry with it the restoration of credentials.

However, additional authority for the restoration of credentials of a former conference member in good standing can be found in Paragraphs 1534.3 and 1536 which read:

> 1534.3 "When a ministerial member is deprived of his credentials of ordination, by expulsion or otherwise, they shall be filed with papers of the Annual Conference."
> 1536 "The Annual Conference to which credentials were surrendered as provided in Paragraphs 1534.3, 1535 may restore the same at its discretion if no charges or complaints against the minister were pending at the time of surrendering the said credentials and if at the time a request is made for the restoration of said credentials the minister is a member in good standing of The United Methodist Church and shall present from the Charge Conference a certificate of character and a recommendation for the restoration of credentials . . ."

It may perhaps be argued that these paragraphs are found in the chapter on Judicial Administration in the Section on Trials and that, therefore, they do not apply to the matter of involuntary location. The procedures of involuntary location, however, under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline* were judicial procedures which could deprive a conference member of his ministerial rights and required the filing of that person's ordination credentials with the secretary of the Annual Conference. When there are no charges or complaints of character against such a person, the Annual Conference may restore the surrendered ordination credentials under Paragraph 1536 of the *1972 Discipline* (formerly Paragraph 1736 of the *1968 Discipline*).

The restoration of credentials could be a separate action by the Annual Conference without readmission, or the two actions could be combined.

There were three related questions in the communication from the Board of the Ministry of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

1. Since Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline* now provides the alternative of a trial, is that option now open to Mr. Leggett? It is not. The new legislation does not offer any alternative to conference action already taken.

2. Since Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline* omitted any provision concerning the local church relationship of a person located under it, what is the church membership status of such a person? The Board of the Ministry of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference stated that the conference had no intention of depriving Mr Leggett of membership in The United Methodist Church. There is no such intention, either, in Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline.* Mr. Leggett would become a lay member of a local United Methodist Church.
3. Is there validity to Mr. Leggett's feeling that, since his ministerial functions were "suspended" rather than "terminated" he would be a ministerial member of a local church and a member of the charge conference? There is not. His ordination credentials were surrendered to the Annual Conference.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that Paragraph 368 of the *1972 Discipline* defines the ministerial status of a former conference member who was involuntarily located under Paragraph 368 of the *1968 Discipline* as that of a person whose conference membership and whose right to exercise the functions of the ministry have been terminated and whose ordination credentials have been surrendered. Such an involuntarily located person who was in good standing as a conference member at the time of his location may apply for readmission under Paragraph 372 of the *1972 Discipline* or apply for the restoration of credentials under Paragraph 1536 of the *1972 Discipline.*

April 20, 1974
(Charles Copher was absent)

Decision No. 385
In Re: Petition by the General Council on Ministries for a Reconsideration of Decision No. 364.

DIGEST

The petition for a reconsideration of Decision No. 364 on the constitutionality of Paragraph 827 is declined.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In Decision No. 364, the Judicial Council, acting on an appeal from the Council of Bishops concerning the constitutionality of Paragraph 827 of the legislation creating the General Council on Ministries, declared in the digest of that decision:

"The General Conference may not delegate legislative functions and responsibilities which are assigned to it by the constitution. The legislative powers granted to the General Council on Ministries by Paragraph 827 are therefore held to be unconstitutional."

The General Council on Ministries at its meeting, March 13-16, 1974 took the following action:

"We request the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision on the constitutionality of Paragraph 827.1 which reads; 'To establish policies and make decisions governing the functions of the general boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church, consistent with the actions of the General Conference, during the interim between its sessions.' "

Analysis

Judicial Council Decision No. 364 held that Paragraph 827.1,.2 was an unconstitutional delegation of powers. The petition of the General Council on Ministries for a declaratory decision on the constitutionality of Paragraph 827.1 is therefore, in effect, a request for a reconsideration of Decision No. 364.

Decision

After giving careful attention to the briefs and oral arguments presented by the General Council on Ministries in support of its request, the Judicial Council declines to reconsider Decision No. 364.

November 9, 1974

Decision No. 386

In Re: Petition of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference Seeking Clarification of Its Authority to Make Pension Service Credit Adjustments under Paragraph 1259 of the Discipline.

DIGEST

Full time service does not permit holding substantial employment in nonpastoral work. An Annual Conference acts within the provisions of the Discipline when it makes adjustments in the pension credit record of a minister.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the regular session of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference on May 29, 1974 the conference Board of Pensions recommended, and the Annual Conference approved the recommendation, that the pension credit record of Mr. Reynolds Ellisor be adjusted down from 18 years to 8½ years because he had been teaching school in a full time capacity for the past ten years. He was dissatisfied with this adjustment indicating that he had given time equivalent to full time service in the pastoral work of the churches

he served and raised the question of what the phrase "full time service" means as it is used in Paragraph 1259 of the Discipline and whether or not the conference had authority to make such an adjustment under such circumstances. His District Superintendent then moved, supported by Mr. Ellisor, that the matter, of whether in taking such action the conference was acting within the authority granted to it by the Discipline, be referred to the Judicial Council. This motion was passed by the conference.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.2 of the Discipline.

Analysis

The Discipline gives an Annual Conference broad powers and responsibilities in regard to the pension credits of its members. (See Judicial Council Decision No. 81.) Paragraph 1259.1 states:

> "The Annual Conference, on recommendation of the conference Board of Pensions, shall determine the admissibility and validity of service approved for pension credit . . . , subject to the provisions of the Discipline and the rules and regulations of the pension funds, plans and programs of The United Methodist Church."

Paragraph 1259.4 a) and b) states:

> "4. The following provisions shall apply in determining approval for pension credit, eligibility for pension, and allocation of responsibility:
>
> "a) Full-time service of a ministerial member or a lay pastor shall be required as a normal condition for pension credit; *provided,* however, that such credit may be granted for part-time service by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting in the Annual Conference, on recommendation of the conference Board of Pensions.
>
> "b) Full-time service shall mean that full time is devoted to the work of a pastor by one who has not attained the age of mandatory retirement for a conference member, who is not attending school as a regular student, who is not substantially employed in nonpastoral work, and whose cash support per annum from all church sources is not less than the minimum salary established by the conference for those in this person's classification."

Paragraph 1259.6 states that "The Annual Conference, on recommendation of the conference Board of Pensions, shall have the power to revise, correct, or adjust a min-

ister's service record . . ." It was in the exercise of this power that the conference adjusted the pension credit. The conference considered that a full time school teacher was substantially employed in nonpastoral work and therefore not eligible for pension credit for the years so employed.

The statement of the Discipline regarding the meaning of "full time service" is quite clear and the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference acted within its disciplinary responsibility and authority when it made this adjustment.

Decision

Full time service does not permit holding substantial employment in nonpastoral work. Further, an Annual Conference has authority to revise, correct or adjust a minister's service record according to its own evaluation of that service.

November 8, 1974

Decision No. 387

In Re: A Request for a Declaratory Decision on Whether or Not General Boards Have the Right to Support Causes without Specific Approval of the General Conference.

DIGEST

A general board or program agency of the church may, by action of its voting membership, align its board or a division thereof with an organization whose program or action is designed to implement the Christian social concerns expressed by the General Conference, even though the General Conference issued no specific directive for such action.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Louisiana Annual Conference, meeting in regular session May 30, 1974 adopted by a two-thirds vote, a resolution requesting the Judicial Council to make a declaratory decision on the following question: "Does the Book of Discipline give authority to the Board of Church and Society to join and give World Service money to a partisan political lobby group, such as the Health Security Action Council, organized for the purpose of promoting a single legislative bill, when the legislation in question has received no endorsement by the General Conference?"

Acting on the basis of a General Conference Resolution, duly presented and passed by the 1972 General Conference, entitled "Health, Welfare, and Human Development," a section of which passed judgment on the inadequacy of health care delivery systems, the Division of General Welfare of the Board of Church and Society proposed, and the Board approved by a specific line item in the 1973 expenditures budget, a contribution of $1000 to the Health Security Action Council. A like amount was approved for the following year in

the 1974 budget. The HSAC is a Washington, D.C. based organization, the purpose of which is "to disseminate information about, and to seek support for," the Health Security Act (Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 22) bills now pending. HSAC is supported by a coalition of national organizations now totaling 70, including the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries and the Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church, and a number of national church organizations.

Briefs have been filed by representatives of the Louisiana Annual Conference and the Board of Church and Society. The Council takes note of the concern and extensive research of Dr. J. Robert Kemmerly, a Louisiana layman, who originated the petition and appeared before the Council. A public hearing on the issue was held by the Judicial Council on November 7, 1974.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council accepts jurisdiction under Paragraph 1510 of the Discipline.

Analysis

At issue here is how much freedom and initiative a program board of the church may exercise in fulfilling the policies and program as established by the General Conference, and at the same time the basic responsibility of such agencies to maintain a broad sense of accountability to the whole church when they act.

Questions that impinge on this decision include the following: Is a program board free to improvise on General Conference legislation which is more general in its statements than a specific issue requires for adequate treatment? Is such a board to be limited to action solely on the literal statements and actions of the General Conference? How then does a program agency or board deal with unanticipated issues of recognized vital Christian concern which arise suddenly during the four years between sessions of the General Conference? Can the action of any such board commit The United Methodist Church? Does the Discipline provide for any initiative on the part of this or any board in dealing with controversial issues? What recourse does an Annual Conference or local church have if it is in disagreement with an action of a program board?

The particular form of this issue in this case is the action of the Board of Church and Society allocating $1,000 to the Health Security Action Council and authorizing one of its executives to be a member of its governing committee. The question is before the Judicial Council because such action is not specifically to be found in the Discipline nor specifically authorized by the 1972 General Conference. On that basis the Louisiana Annual Conference has petitioned the Council for decision as to the right of the Board of Church and Society to take such action.

Paragraph 955 states the purpose of this Board:

"Its purpose shall be to relate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the members of the Church and to the persons and structures of the communities and world in which they live. It shall seek to bring the whole life of man and woman, their activities, possessions, and community and world relationships, into conformity with the will of God. It shall show the members of the Church and the society that the reconciliation which God effected through Christ involves personal, social, and civic righteousness. To achieve this purpose the board shall project plans and programs that challenge the members of The United Methodist Church to work through their own local church, through ecumenical channels, and through society toward such righteousness; to assist the district and annual conferences with needed resources in areas of such concerns; to analyze the issues which confront the person, the local community, the nation, and the world; and to encourage Christian lines of action which assist humankind to move toward a world where peace and justice are achieved. Prime responsibility of the board is to implement the Social Creed (¶ 77)"

Paragraph 956 definies the authority of the Board of Church and Society:

"It shall be the responsibility of the board and its executives to give forthright leadership and witness on those social issues that call Christians to action as forgiven people for whom Christ died. The board shall speak to the Church, and to the world, its convictions, interpretations, and concerns, recognizing the freedom and responsibility of all Christians to study, interpret, and act on any or all recommendations in keeping with their own Christian calling."

Authority for action in the field of health care by the Board's Division of General Welfare, is found in Paragraph 971.1:

"It shall be the responsibility of the Division of General Welfare to conduct a program of research, education, and action, centering around the following Christian social concerns: . . . medical care . . . and such other related concerns as the board may specify."

Guidance for implementing Paragraph 971 in the area of health care is found in the Book of Resolutions. (pp. 37-41) A resolution passed by the 1972 General Conference

expressed concern about the existing health care delivery system and stated, "the health care delivery system in the United States is seriously deficient." The resolution also contains nine criteria for a satisfactory health care delivery system. However, there was no endorsement of any specific legislative proposal.

According to the reports in the Board of Church and Society's brief to this Council, exhaustive analysis was made by its staff of the proposed legislation pending before Congress, using the nine criteria stated in the General Conference resolution as a basis. The Board's decision was that the Health Security Act could best meet the conditions set forth by the General Conference. It thus affiliated with the National Health Security Action Council as a means of supporting the kind of legislation which the Board had determined would meet the demands of the General Conference legislation.

The Judicial Council is concerned that, though the action was finally approved by the Division and the Board, it appears that steps were taken linking the name of the Board to the HSAC prior to the Board's formal approval because it had been assumed that approval of a budget line item in support of HSAC denoted full authority for such action. We remind the Board that only its elected members have the right and responsibility to make such decisions. No staff person may thus commit the Board without the vote of the membership who themselves are responsible to the General Conference for their action and to the Annual and Jurisdictional Conferences for their election as Board members.

On the matter of "speaking for The United Methodist Church," there is no indication that the Board assumed it was speaking for the church. Indeed, when the executive learned that the name of The United Methodist Church was being used to support the organization, he took immediate steps to correct this.

In the judgment of this Council, the Board of Church and Society was acting within its disciplinary functions and authority "to conduct a program of action centering around the Christian social concern about medical care." It made no commitment of The United Methodist Church as such, only the commitment of one of its program agencies. This latter commitment the Board had a right to make, in spite of the confusion of press reports as to the use of the name of The United Methodist Church. Moreover, it appears that the Board exercised its program initiative with proper recognition of the expressed concerns of the General Conference. That its decision and subsequent action with regard to the National Health Security Action Council resulted in differ-

ences of opinion across the church with regard to the wisdom of such action, is no evidence that the Board acted illegally in terms of its disciplinary mandates.

The mandate of the Board of Church and Society is to act on behalf of the General Conference both within and without the Church. Naturally, it is expected and necessary that the expression or act of the Board of Church and Society be within the guidelines set forth in the Discipline.

The Judicial Council must agree with the argument which holds that the reason for elected membership is to permit and enable general boards during the quadrennium to act positively and creatively in the world. If a general board were not to be allowed to make judgments and take actions as in this case, why elect representative members from across the church? These board members are expected to make significant and consequential administrative and promotional decisions.

To restrict a board as required by this petition would substantially curtail the activities of the general boards and agencies. With General Conference meeting only every four years it would be impossible for the church to be continually responsive and current with the world and its issues.

The law and its due process in The United Methodist Church provides means whereby the membership of the church may express themselves affirmatively or negatively with regard to the functioning of any of its program agencies. That means is legislative. The General Conference is the final arbiter on issues in this case as in others.

Inherent in this process is the election of basic members to the general boards by nomination of the Annual Conferences and election by the Jurisdictional Conferences. In addition, any member of The United Methodist Church may directly petition the General Conference for legislative action to change a situation or program of any board or agency which is of concern to the individual church member or a group of members. Until legislation changes the present situation, this Council deems the rights and responsibilities of the program boards and agencies to include the responsible use of initiative and creativity in implementing the concerns of the General Conference as expressed in the Discipline.

Decision

The Board of Church and Society was acting within its disciplinary purpose and authority under Paragraphs 77, 955 and 956 in supporting the Health Security Action Council as a means of implementing the expressed concern about the health care delivery system as stated by the 1972 Gen-

eral Conference, even though the General Conference issued no specific directive for such support.

Theodore M. Berry, Florence Lucas Edwards and Ralph M. Houston concur with the decision but dissent on the acceptance of jurisdiction.

November 9, 1974

Decision No. 388

In Re: Reconsideration and Clarification of Decision No. 356 on Request of the Executive Committee of the Commission on the General Conference.

DIGEST

Decision No. 356 is modified to hold that Paragraph 21, as a Constitutional Restrictive Rule, established a principle of double relative numerical representation for members coming from The Evangelical United Brethren Church in relation to members coming from The Methodist Church during the three quadrennia following union. In order to provide for participation in decision making bodies during that period minimal percentages of representation have been established in Paragraphs 602, 615 and 815 of the *1968 Discipline* for members coming from the constituent uniting denominatons. The percentages thus established shall be divided in the ratio of 13% to members coming from The Evangelical United Brethren Church and 87% to members coming from The Methodist Church and those persons coming into membership of The United Methodist Church without prior membership in the constituent uniting denominations. When thus applied, Paragraphs 602.1, 615.1, 815.1 b) and 815.2 b) of the *1968 Discipline* are in conformity with Paragraph 21; but the *1972 Discipline* Paragraphs 602.1, 615.1, 818.1 b) and c) and 818.2 b) and c) are at variance with Paragraph 21 and should not be applied or given effect.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On May 14, 1974 the Executive Committee of the Commission on the General Conference of The United Methodist Church requested the Judicial Council "to review its Decision No. 356 in light of the fact that the Secretary of the General Conference finds it impossible to assure the percentages of representation of the former two denominations in the election of delegates to the 1976 General Conference as required by Paragraph 602.1 (*1972 Discipline*) and interpreted by the Decision." The Judicial Council in session November 7, 1974 on consideration of the request, by majority vote on its own motion, reconsidered its Decision No. 356.

Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction continues in this matter under Paragraph 1515.2 c) of the Discipline and Rule 13 of the Judicial Council Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Analysis

The Judicial Council in full session has reviewed Decision No. 356, and considered the effect thereof as represented by the Executive Committee of the Commission on the General Conference in its request for clarification, and the statement of the former Secretary of the General Conference.

The Judicial Council reaffirms the primacy of the Constitutional Restrictive Rule (Paragraph 21) that the General Conference shall not do away with, and The (former) Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be assured of, effective representation in The United Methodist Church at the level of the General Conference, Jurisdictional Conferences, Central Conferences, and on all boards and agencies at the Annual Conference, Central Conference, Jurisdictional Conference, and General Conference levels and *in every instance shall be chosen* (emphasis added), during the first three quadrennia following union, in at least twice the number of representatives coming from the Evangelical United Brethren Church membership as the relative numerical membership in the particular conferences in relationship to the number of representatives coming from The Methodist Church.

Legislation enacted by the General Conference to implement this objective in the three quadrennia after union as expressed in Paragraphs 602, 615 and 815 of the *1968 Discipline,* and modified and re-enacted in Paragraphs 602, 615 and 818 of the *1972 Discipline* must conform to the Constitutional mandate of Paragraph 21.

Upon reconsideration of Decision No. 356, the provisions of Paragraphs 602, 615 and 815 of the *1968 Discipline* insofar as they establish percentages of members coming from Evangelical United Brethren membership for the quadrennia 1972-76 and 1976-80 are found to be at variance with the intent, purpose and meaning of Paragraph 21 and should not be applied; that the percentages established in Paragraphs 602, 615, and 815 for the 1968-72 quadrennium are consistent with Paragraph 21 and should be applied in the remaining quadrennia as representative of the relative total numerical Evangelical United Brethren membership coming into The United Methodist Church.

In the original Decision No. 356, the Judicial Council introduced another element in the representation formula not in the restrictive rule nor the legislation, namely the number elected or appointed from "post 1968 new membership." The inclusion of this factor was *obiter dictum* and tantamount to judicial legislation which the Council intends to avoid. Subsequent figures regarding post 1968 member-

ship in The United Methodist Church fail to support the assumed justification for the changed percentages in the quadrennia of 1972-76 and 1976-80. Therefore Decision No. 356 is hereby modified by rescinding and deleting from the Digest and Decision that element which reads "to the extent that the number of persons elected or appointed from the post 1968 new membership is less than the percentage of representation to this group." We conclude that the percentage of post 1968 new members is relatively so small that its representation can be included, in equity, in the remainder of the church membership.

Decision

Decision No. 356 is modified to hold that Paragraph 21, as a Constitutional Restrictive Rule, established a principle of double relative numerical representation for members coming from The Evangelical United Brethren Church in relation to members coming from The Methodist Church during the three quadrennia following union. In order to provide for participation in decision making bodies during that period minimal percentages of representation have been established in Paragraphs 602, 615 and 815 of the *1968 Discipline* for members coming from the constituent uniting denominations. The percentages thus established shall be divided in the ratio of 13% to members coming from The Evangelical United Brethren Church and 87% to members coming from The Methodist Church and those persons coming into membership of The United Methodist Church without prior membership in the constituent uniting denominations. When thus applied, Paragraphs 602.1, 615.1, 815.1 b) and 815.2 b) of the *1968 Discipline* are in conformity with Paragraph 21; but the *1972 Discipline* Paragraphs 602.1, 615.1, 818.1 b) and c) and 818.2 b) and c) are at variance with Paragraph 21 and should not be applied or given effect.

November 9, 1974

Decision No. 389

In Re: Petition from the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to Whether the Conference Board of Pensions Is Following the Discipline and the Plan and Basis of Union in Their Method of Calculating Applicable Annuity Rates for Ministers, Widows and Children

as a Result of Changes in Borders Effected as of January 1, 1970.

DIGEST

The responsibility for ministerial pensions for service approved for pension credit rests with the Annual Conference in which the service was rendered or its legal successor,

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Effective January 1, 1970, the Central Pennsylvania (M) and the Philadelphia (M) Conferences voted an exchange of charges between the two conferences. The exchange involved two segments of territory. A group of approximately 20 charges in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, moved from the Philadelphia (M) Conference to the Central Pennsylvania (M) Conference. Further, a group of approximately 20 charges around Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, and Hazelton, Pennsylvania moved from the Central Pennsylvania (M) to the Philadelphia (M) Conference.

The change in boundary lines was approved by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference held at Buchannon, West Virginia, July 24-27, 1968.

The effective date for the boundary change, with the transfer of charges, coincided with the merger of the Methodist Conferences, namely Central Pennsylvania (M) and Philadelphia (M) with the Evangelical United Brethren Conferences of Eastern (EUB) and Susquehanna (EUB), into what is now Central Pennsylvania and Eastern Pennsylvania Conferences of The United Methodist Church.

In preparation for the 1970 merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist Conferences, a Joint Distributing Committee, representing the Distributing Committee of the merging conferences, met in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on September 12, 1969, in accordance with the authority granted in Paragraph 1383 of the *1968 Discipline*.

The Joint Distributing Committee at the September 12, 1969 meeting accepted the suggestion of the General Board of Pensions, and after discussion, adopted the following principle:

a. "All approved service to pastoral charges shall be allocated to the successor conference within whose *geographical boundaries* the charge is located." (emphasis added)

The principle for merger was adopted by the majority over vigorous protests of the three Philadelphia (M) representatives. The objection raised by the Philadelphia representatives was that while this formula may be acceptable for establishing pension responsibility for the Evangelical United Brethren ministers involved in the merger, the application of this principle to the ministers of The Methodist Church would work an unfair hardship on the Methodist ministers in Dauphin County, and establish an unwarranted benefit upon those Methodist ministers leaving the Central Pennsylvania (M) Conference and being transferred by change of territory to the Philadelphia (M) Conference.

The Philadelphia (M) and Eastern (E U B) Conferences, in preparation for merger on January 1, 1970, adopted a document entitled "Plan and Basis of Union." This document was the basis for the merger forming the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church.

It was agreed in the "Plan and Basis of Union" under the section

of pensions that no retiree of either former conference would receive less retirement income than he or she had received in the past.

As time passed after the trade of charges, the successor conferences accepted the pension responsibility associated with the merger and the boundary changes. The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Board of Pensions, however, began paying a "Dauphin County supplement" to the annuity credit of those ministers under appointment or retired who had served in Dauphin County who were formerly members of the Philadelphia (M) Conference, but since merger and the boundary change of January 1, 1970, are the responsibility of the Central Pennsylvania (UM) Conference.

The reason for the supplement was the lower annuity rate of the Central Pennsylvania (M) Conference compared to annuity rate of the Philadelphia (M) Conference. By the action of the Joint Distributing Committee, all approved service to pastoral charges (including Dauphin County) shall be allocated to the successor conference within whose geographical boundaries the charge is located. There was concern by some members of the Philadelphia (M) Conference for the years of service in Dauphin County charges, which now, because of boundary changes, would be paid, on retirement, at the lower annuity rate of the Central Pennsylvania (UM) Conference.

Some of the former Philadelphia (M) Conference ministers, both active and retired, who had some service in churches which were moved to Central Pennsylvania (UM), believed they should be receiving, when retired, the annuity rate of the Eastern Pennsylvania (UM) Conference for *all* their years of service in the Philadelphia (M) Conference.

After discussion the Eastern Pennsylvania (UM) Conference voted:

> "That all pastors active and retired having served churches in Dauphin County in the former Philadelphia Conference and all others affected, thereby accruing approved years of service for pension credit during those years, shall receive the current Eastern Pennsylvania Conference pension rate to be paid by our Conference Board of Pensions for said approved years of service."
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> 1974 Journal, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
> United Methodist Church, Volume 2, p. 414

What is now being called into question with this appeal is the legality of these provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union with regard to pensions:

> "2. That no retired minister, minister's widow, or dependent child who is receiving financial benefits at the time of union, or is eligible to receive them through conference agencies in either of the two said Conferences shall receive less retirement income from these sources than he or she has received in the past."
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> "4. Service Annuity credits granted by the respective conferences involved up to January 1, 1970 shall be recognized by the successor conference."
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> Philadelphia Conference 1969 Journal, p. 610

The action of the Joint Distributing Committee at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1969 was that:

> "1. All approved service to pastoral charges shall be allocated to the successor conference within whose *geographical boundaries* the charge is located." (emphasis added)

Is this action, as far as the Dauphin County pastors are concerned, contrary to Paragraph 1379, Article 9, of the *1968 Discipline:*

> "The responsibility for pension for service approved for pension credit shall rest with the annual conference in which the service was rendered or its legal successor."

The Eastern Pennsylvania Annual (UM) Conference voted to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision:

> "As to whether or not the Conference Board of Pensions is following the Discipline and the Plan and Basis of Union in their method of calculating applicable annuity rates for ministers, widows and children as a result of changes in borders effected as of January 1, 1970 between the former Philadelphia Conference (M) and the former Central Pennsylvania Conference (M) coincidentally with the establishment of the Central Pennsylvania (U) and the Eastern Pennsylvania (U) Conferences."
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> Eastern Pennsylvania Journal 1974.
> Vol. 1, p. 93, and Vol. 2, p. 414

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The basic question asked of the Judicial Council by the petitioner, is: Is the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Board of Pensions following the Discipline in their method of calculating applicable annuity rates for ministers, widows, and children as a result of changes in borders effected as of January 1, 1970 between the former Philadelphia (M) Conference and the former Central Pennsylvania (M) Conference?

The authority for fixing the annuity rate for ministers is clearly the responsibility of the Annual Conference, without restriction.

Paragraph 1379.7 of the *1968 Discipline* and Paragraph 1259.7 of the *1972 Discipline* state:

> "The annuity rate for approved service of conference members shall be determined each year by the Annual Conference without restriction, but it is recommended that such rate be not less than 1 percent of the average salary of the conference as computed by the General Board of Pensions . . ."

The *1968 and the 1972 Disciplines* explicity state that:

> "The responsibility for pensions for service approved for pension credits shall rest with the Annual Conference

in which the service was rendered or its legal successor." (Par. 1379.9 of the *1968 Discipline*)

The *1972 Discipline* statement is the same except that at the conclusion of the 1968 statement these words are added: ". . . according to the principle of divided pension responsibility." (Par. 1259.9 of the *1972 Discipline*)

It is evident from informal discussion with and memo extracts from the staff members of the General Board of Pensions who were present, and from members of the Distributing Committee who represented the Philadelphia (M) Conference, that the principle of merger suggested by the General Board of Pensions and adopted by the Joint Distributing Committee was:

"1. All approved services to pastoral charges shall be allocated to the successor conference within whose *geographical boundaries* the charge is located." (emphasis added)

This is in direct conflict with Paragraph 1379.9 of the *1968 Discipline:*

"9. The responsibility for pension for service approved for pension credit shall rest with the Annual Conference in which the service was rendered or its legal successor."

as it relates to the boundary and charge exchanges between the Philadelphia (M) and Central Pennsylvania (M) Conferences.

The principle used by the Joint Distributing Committee is declared invalid, as the responsibility for pensions rests with the Annual Conference in which the service was rendered, or its legal successor, not where the charge is located geographically, after merger.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church is responsible for the pension credit and payment of all members active and retired of the Philadelphia (M) Conference including those who had years of service in Dauphin County prior to January 1, 1970. Years of service on January 1, 1970 and after in the exchanged area are the pension responsibility of the Central Pennsylvania (UM) Conference.

Decision

The responsibility for ministerial pensions for service approved for pension credit rests with the Annual Conference in which the service was rendered or its legal succes-

sor. The successor conference to the Philadelphia (M) Conference is the Eastern Pennsylvania (UM) Conference. Any action of the Joint Distributing Committee or a plan and basis of union for merging of Annual Conferences which is in conflict with this principle is null and void.

(EUB) denotes Evangelical United Brethren
(M) denotes Methodist
(UM) denotes United Methodist

November 8, 1974

Decision No. 390

In Re: Request of the Louisville Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church for a Declaratory Decision as to the Legality of Paragraph 1260.6 a-f of the *1972 Discipline* concerning Proportional Payments.

DIGEST

Paragraph 1260.6 a-f of the Discipline, providing that when the apportionment to the pastoral charges for the pension and benefit program of an Annual Conference is determined that payments made theron by each pastoral charge shall be proportional payments made on the salary or salaries of the minister or ministers serving it, is constitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Louisville Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church on May 24, 1974 adopted the following resolution:

> "We move that Bishop Robertson request the Board of Pensions to look into the matter of Proportional Payment (*1972 Discipline*, Paragraph 1260.6 a-f) and bring recommendations to the 1974 session of the Annual Conference.
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> "We further move that the Louisville Annual Conference support a request for a Judicial Council decision on the legality of Proportional Payment; that is, whether The United Methodist Church, in all fairness and conscience, can appoint a minister to a church and then require that unless the charge at which that minister has been appointed pays in full the pension and benefit benevolences apportioned to them, that that minister be subjected to the degradation of Proportional Payment."

There is nothing presented in the resolution or supporting documents which questions the constitutionality of this provision of the Discipline, or which gives the Judicial Council a specific problem with which to deal.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction in Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline*.

Analysis

This matter is before the Judicial Council on a petition for Declaratory Judgment questioning the constitutionality of Paragraph 1260.6 a-f of the *1972 Discipline* which states:

"a) When the apportionment to the pastoral charges for the pension and benefit program of the Annual Conference has been determined, payments made thereon by each pastoral charge shall be exactly proportionate to payments made on the salary or salaries of the minister or ministers serving it.

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"f) It shall not be permissible for a pastor to receive a bonus of other supplementary compensation tending to defeat proportional payment. The board may recommend to the conference that the pastor's pension credit be disallowed for the year during which such bonus or supplementary compensation was so received."

It should be noted that the Judicial Council has heretofore ruled on a similar question as contained in Decision No. 250 as to the constitutionality of then Paragraph 1634 and Paragraph 1624.3, .4, and .5.

It is clear from that earlier decision that the provisions of Paragraph 1260.6 a-f are legal and constitutional.

It could well be further stated that they are within the tradition and polity of The United Methodist Church and of those denominational bodies who historically make it up.

Early in the history of American Methodism there are constant references to the fact that the traveling preachers had to account for all monies raised and turn over all surplus for the support of their other brethren, their widows and children, except traveling expenses.

Later in the early history of American Methodism there are references to the need to raise funds for, ". . . worn out preachers." There are repeated references in the Disciplines, of both the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South beginning in 1882 as shown in the attached appendix which indicate that the "preacher in charge" has the responsibility for collecting claims of the church, pensions and the support of the connectional system.

These Disciplines frequently, and particularly since 1939, contain almost the same language as is used in the current paragraph of the Discipline.

Bishop Roy H. Short in his new book *United Methodism in Theory and Practice* comments:

"The funds for the support of the episcopacy and the district superintendency and funds for pensions and minimum salaries are all related on a ratio basis to the pastor's salary. If the salary of the pastor is paid in full these too must be paid in full; and if it is not paid in full these funds are to be shorted proportionately. Back of this provision lies the assumption that all the ministry of the United Methodism is one ministry forever intimately related."

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that Paragraph 1260.6 a-f of the *1972 Discipline* concerning the responsibility of a minister in charge in the matter of proportional payment on Conference Pensions is constitutional.

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APPENDIX

PARTIAL LIST OF REFERENCES

A. *METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH*

Book of Discipline 1882, Paragraph 63, Questions 14 and 17.
Book of Discipline 1886, Paragraph 65, Questions 14 and 17.
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Book of Discipline 1894, Paragraphs 134 and 137.
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Book of Discipline 1910, Paragraph 141.
Book of Discipline 1922, Paragraphs 161 and 165.
Book of Discipline 1926, Paragraph 154.
Book of Discipline 1930, Paragraph 160.
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Book of Discipline 1938, Paragraph 164.

B. *METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH*

Book of Discipline 1888, Paragraphs 189 and 190.
Book of Discipline 1892, Paragraph 189.
Book of Discipline 1896, Paragraph 193, Sub Section 27.
Book of Discipline 1904, Paragraph 193, Sub Section 27.
Book of Discipline 1912, Paragraph 179, Sub Section 23.
Book of Discipline 1924, Paragraph 182, Sub Section 22.

C. *METHODIST CHURCH*

Book of Discipline 1939, Paragraphs 223 and 1324.
Book of Discipline 1940, Paragraphs 551 and 552.
Book of Discipline 1944, Paragraph 1624.
Book of Discipline 1948, Paragraph 1624.
Book of Discipline 1952, Paragraph 1624.
Book of Discipline 1960, Paragraph 1624.
Book of Discipline 1968, Paragraph 1380.6.
Book of Discipline 1972, Paragraph 1260.6 a-f and 889.

Decision No. 391

In Re: Appeal of the East Ohio Annual Conference from the Ruling of Bishop Francis E. Kearns that Paragraph 505 of the *1972 Discipline* Prohibits the Granting of a Voting Relationship in the Conference to Consecrated Lay Workers.

DIGEST

The ruling of Bishop Francis E. Kearns that an Annual Conference cannot grant to lay workers as a class the right to vote in sessions of the Annual Conference is correct; however, a person who is a lay worker may be elected to membership in an Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the session of the East Ohio Annual Conference, on June 18, 1974, the Conference was in the process of perfecting a formula for the equalization of lay and clergy membership of the Conference. In the course of debate an amendment to a motion was made that would include the category of deaconesses and home missionaries in the formula for lay persons. Bishop Francis E. Kearns ruled "that by his interpretation of the Discipline, Paragraph 505, consecrated lay workers cannot be granted a vote as part of any formula for the equalization of lay and clergy membership." By the necessary vote the Conference referred the matter to the Judicial Council for decision.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1511 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

We interpret the ruling of Bishop Kearns to mean that the Annual Conference may not grant to the lay worker as a class the right to vote in sessions of the Annual Confer-

ence. Paragraph 505 states that the lay workers (as a class) shall be seated in the Annual Conference session and shall be given the privileges of the floor without vote. However, we see nothing in the legislation that prohibits a person who is a lay worker from being elected to membership in the Annual Conference. Thus a person who is a lay worker may be elected to membership in the Annual Conference.

Decision

The ruling of Bishop Francis E. Kearns that an Annual Conference cannot grant to lay workers as a class the right to vote in the Annual Conference session is correct. On the other hand, a person who is a lay worker may be elected to membership in the Annual Conference.

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Decision No. 392

In Re: Petition from the College of Bishops of the Philippines Central Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to Whether Cornelio M. Ferrer May Be Considered a Retired Bishop under Paragraph 396.3 and Continue as a Member of the Council of Bishops as Provided in Paragraph 395.4.

DIGEST

There has been no valid action to provide retirement for Cornelio M. Ferrer. Therefore, The Reverend Mr. Ferrer returned to and continues his membership as a traveling elder in the Annual Conference of which he ceased to be a member when he was elected bishop.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the Tenth Regular Session of the Philippines Central Conference, November 29 to December 3, 1972, no bishops were elected to succeed two incumbent bishops who had been elected for a term, the quadrennium 1968-1972. After the twenty-third ballot, the Conference voted: "That an adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference be called in 1974" to complete the episcopal election and other unfinished matters.

At the Adjourned Session of the Philippines Central Conference, February 1-3, 1974, Paul Locke A. Granadosin was reelected on the twenty-fifth ballot. After fifty-eight ballots the Conference adjourned without electing a second bishop. On February 4, 1974, Bishop Paul Locke A. Granadosin addressed the Judicial Council thus:

"The College of Bishops of the Central Conference of the Philippines respectfully requests the Judicial Council to rule upon the following:

"Since 1960 the rule in the Philippines Central Conference has been that the retirement age shall be 'the same as that obtaining in the jurisdictional conference.'

"At the adjourned session held February 1-3, 1974 Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer was not re-elected. Bishop Ferrer reached the age of 65 on September 16, 1973. We should like to inquire whether in the light of the Central Conference specification that the retirement age shall be 'that obtaining in jurisdictional conferences,' Bishop Ferrer may be considered a retired bishop under Paragraph 396.3 and continue as a member of the Council of Bishops as provided for in 395.4."

The Judicial Council in session April 18, 1974, after considering the above petition and the restrictive legislation of Paragraph 1515.3, voted that said request be entered on the docket of its next session. Briefs have been filed by Cornelio M. Ferrer. Bishop Paul Locke A. Granadosin, Bishop Ralph T. Alton, and Dr. R. Bryan Brawner have responded to requests for information.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

At the Tenth Regular Session of the Philippines Central Conference, December 3, 1972, the Central Conference, subsequent to the action providing for the call of an adjourned session, voted: "That the request of Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer that he be retired as a bishop of The United Methodist Church under the 'Kennedy Legislation' be granted and that this action be referred to the Council of Bishops for resolution." (Par. 395.2, *1970 Supplement;* Par. 396.2, *1972 Discipline*)

The above action was declared invalid by the Judicial Council in Decision No. 370. The Council in finding that "the action to adjourn the session to a future date . . . postpones . . . the expiration of terms of office," ruled that the action of the Central Conference to retire a term bishop whose term thus would not expire was without legal authority. The Council stated further:

> "We conclude that Bishops Ferrer and Granadosin continue in the function of their respective episcopal powers, duties and obligations, and are entitled to all the privileges of their episcopal offices, *until* their successors are elected or *the adjourned session of the 1972 Philippines Central Conference is closed.*" (emphasis added)

As the result of this decision of the Judicial Council both bishops continued in their episcopal offices. At the adjourned session of the Central Conference, February 1-3, 1974 during the balloting for the election of bishops, Bishop Ferrer did not withdraw his name from consideration. Bishop Ferrer who had reached the age of sixty-five years on September 16, 1973, was not re-elected. He did not request retirement although his term of office would expire at the close of the adjourned session of the 1972 Philippines Central Conference. On the following day, February 4, Bishop Paul Locke A. Granadosin petitioned the Judicial Council as reported above.

On April 8, 1974, Bishop Granadosin supplied the information that the Central Conference in the adjourned session "did not take any action regarding the status of Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer who was not re-elected to the episcopacy. There was no recommendation from the Committee on Episcopacy hence no action."

The question presented to the Judicial Council is "whether in the light of the Central Conference specification that the retirement age shall be 'that obtaining in jurisdictional conferences,' Bishop Ferrer may be considered a retired bishop under Paragraph 396.3 and continue as a member of the Council of Bishops as provided for in 395.4."

The basic question in this case, however, is not the "Central Conference specification" for retirement age, nor retirement under Paragraph 396.3, nor the application of Paragraph 395.4, but is the question whether Cornelio M. Ferrer can be "considered" a retired bishop.

The Discipline makes no provision for such "considered" retirement. It does provide for automatic or compulsory retirement for bishops on the basis of age (Par. 396.1). Until the age of compulsory retirement is reached, the process of retirement begins with a bishop's request to be retired.

In the instant case, Cornelio M. Ferrer did not request retirement under Paragraph 396.3 before his term of office expired at the close of the adjourned session of the Central Conference.

There can be only one conclusion:

> Par. 399.4 "In a Central Conference where term episcopacy prevails, bishops whose term of office expires prior to the time of compulsory retirement because of age and who are not reelected by the Central Conference shall be returned to membership as traveling elders in the Annual Conference (or its successor) of which they ceased to be a member when elected bishop . . ."

Decision

There has been no valid action to provide retirement for Cornelio M. Ferrer. Therefore, The Reverend Mr. Ferrer returned to and continues his membership as a traveling elder in the Annual Conference of which he ceased to be a member when he was elected bishop.

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Ralph M. Houston dissented.

Dissenting Opinion

I respectfully dissent from my colleagues' opinion in this matter. The Decision as written, can be interpreted to the effect that had Bishop Ferrer followed the disciplinary procedures for retirement of jurisdictional Bishops that he would now be classified as a retired Bishop of the Church. The Decision should clarify this point for it appears that the Decision rests upon a technicality.

Further, I do not feel that the Council had enough information to properly write a Decision. It may be that the parties bringing the question did not provide the necessary information, but this should have been insisted upon.

Tom H. Matheny

Memorandum No. 393
In Re: Petition from the Iowa Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Legality of the Last Sentence in Paragraph 657 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Order

This petition will remain on the docket of the Judicial Council for consideration and determination at another session not later than the first regular session of the Judicial Council following the adjournment of the 1976 General Conference.

Explanation

Paragraph 657 of the *1972 Discipline* reads as follows:

"The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference shall have the same right as that given to Central Conferences in Par. 631.9, .10 to make such changes and adaptations regarding the ministry and ordination of ministers as

the effective use of indigenous leadership in the Missionary Conference may require; *provided* that no action shall be taken which is contrary to the Constitution and the General Rules of The United Methodist Church. Any such ordination would be effective only within the bounds of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference."

The question asked of the Judicial Council is the legality of the last sentence in the paragraph which limits the authority of ordination.

We are aware of a widespread concern in the Church about the relationships of ethnic minorities in the Church. We have examined the provisions of the Discipline concerning a Mission and a Missionary Conference and find many ambiguities and contradictions when one tries to find the answers to some basic questions. What constitutes membership in a Mission or a Missionary Conference? The General Minutes state that "Mission Conferences do not have ministerial members." Some provisions of the Discipline seem to agree with that. Others seem to assume ministerial and lay membership and rights of reception on trial and ordination. What are their powers of ordination, if any, and what is the relationship of such ministerial membership and ordination to the ministerial membership of Annual Conferences in a connectional Church? The questions are many, and they are important, and they deserve careful answers.

In the former The Methodist Church there had been provisions in the Discipline for a Mission which had certain rights of ordination of "Mission Deacons and Elders" who had to meet the same qualifications as ministers seeking ordination in Annual Conferences and who could transfer to Annual Conferences with the same status they had in the Mission. The Discipline of The United Methodist Church still provides for a Mission with ordination powers but the right to transfer is now qualified.

In 1968 the General Conference of The United Methodist Church apparently sought to grant the Indian Mission in Oklahoma the authority to fix its own standards for ministry and ordination by bringing the Indian Mission under Paragraph 631.9, .10, the paragraph relating to the powers of a Central Conference. (See Par. 658, *1968 Discipline*)

A new conference had come into being in The United Methodist Church, The Missionary Conference (Par. 654). In 1972 the General Conference changed the Indian Mission in Oklahoma to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and kept the special grant of powers over the ministry which became Paragraph 657 in the *1792 Discipline.*

The special General Conference action was less incongrouous in 1968 when a Mission apparently had some rights of ordination, although there is ambiguity here, too. But in 1972 the Indian Mission in Oklahoma became the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Discipline (Par. 655.3) denies a Missionary Conference the right to grant ministerial orders.

Furthermore, the Judicial Council, in Decision No. 313 in 1969 declared that Paragraph 631.9 did not authorize a Central Conference to add or subtract from the basic ministerial obligations established and pre-empted by the General Conference. The same ruling would certainly hold for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, assuming that it had ordination powers.

All of this but adds confusion to the picture. Furthermore, the Council feels the need for far more background information from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, from the Board of Global Ministeries, etc. to properly answer this petition.

We have had correspondence and conversations with Bishop Paul W. Milhouse of the Oklahoma Area and with Dr. Robert Watts Thornburg of the Division of the Ordained Ministry and a brief from Dr. Thornburg. We are assured that efforts are under way to prepare certain proposed actions for the 1976 General Conference designed to harmonize, clarify and correct certain ambiguities and contradictions in current legislation and to deal constructively with the problems raised by the special legislation of Paragraph 657 and other related paragraphs. We feel that this would be a far better answer to the question before us in this petition than a ruling by the Judicial Council at this time.

We therefore keep the petition from the Iowa Annual Conference on the docket of the Judicial Council for consideration and determination at another session but not later than the first regular session of the Judicial Council following the adjournment of the 1976 General Conference.

April 4, 1975

Memorandum No. 394

In Re: Petition from the Africa Central Conference for a Reconsideration of a Decision of the Judicial Council Made in 1964-1968 Quadrennium Concerning Central Conference Term Bishops.

In the 1968 Journal of the Africa Central Conference, Report No. 2 of the Committee on the Ministry stated that during the 1964-1968 quadrennium the Judicial Council had ruled that a term bishop loses all his rights to title and prerogatives when his term ends.

In 1972 the Africa Central Conference adopted Report No. 3 of its Committee on the Ministry which included the following paragraph:

> "Bishop's Pension Rights
> "We view the ruling of the Judicial Council made during the 1964-1968 quadrennium as it is explained to us in the Journal of the Central Conference (Report No. 2 of the Committee on the Ministry, Par. I, p. 41) as grossly unfair to term bishops. We ask the ruling to be reviewed by the Judicial Council to the end that the persons who serve as term bishops upon retirement be given a pension from the episcopal retirement funds for those years which he worked as a term bishop."

This petition was forwarded to the Judicial Council by the Executive Committee of the Africa Central Conference.

It is evident that the 1968 report (No. 2) of the Africa Central Conference's Committee on the Ministry made an inaccurate interpretation of Judicial Council decisions as they referred to the pension rights of Central Conference term bishops. It is apparently Decision No. 236, clarified by Decision No. 259, to which the 1968 report makes reference. Paragraph 631.5 of the Discipline provides for a retirement allowance from the episcopal fund, upon retirement, for Central Conference term bishops based upon their years in episcopal office. Decision No. 236 and other Judicial Council decisions specifically call attention to this fact.

We have communicated with the Council on Finance and Administration and have confirmed the fact that such pensions are paid, or will be paid to Africa Central Conference term bishops at the time of retirement from the ministry.

April 4, 1975

Decision No. 395

In Re: Petition from the Executive Committee of the Africa Central Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Legality of that Conference's Action Calling for a Discussion in the Annual Conference of "Life Episcopacy" without a Bishop Presiding.

DIGEST

The action of the Africa Central Conference in ordering the Annual Conference "to engage in discussion, vote and tally of 'Life Episcopacy' in the absence of the presiding bishop and of any other bishop present at that conference and under the presidency of another person chosen by the conference" is in violation of the Constitution and specific statutes of the Church, and is therefore illegal and invalid.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In session on Saturday, September 2, 1972, the Africa Central Conference voted to accept a report from the Committee on Ministry, part IV of which report is entitled "Life Episcopacy." Section b) of said report reads:

> "At the session of Annual Conference immediately preceeding (sic) the Next Central Conference, there shall be held in each Annual Conference a discussion, vote and tally on the following question:—"Do we or do we not want life episcopacy in this Central Conference?" *This discussion, vote and tally shall proceed in the absence of the presiding bishop and of any other bishop present at that Conference and under the presidency of another person chosen by the Conference.*" (Emphasis added)

On October 31, 1974, the General Secretary of the Africa Central Conference addressed a request from the Executive Committee of the Conference to the Judicial Council, asking whether or not the action taken by the Central Conference is legal and valid. Subsequently, on January 16, 1975, the General Secretary submitted a second communication to the Judicial Council, explaining that the aforementioned request had come from the Executive Committee of the Central Conference rather than from the Central Conference itself; and that the request had come principally from the bishops themselves.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council assumes jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.2 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The basic issue in the instant case has specifically to do first, with the place of a bishop as a presiding officer in the Annual Conference; and second, with the powers of an Annual Conference in regard to its election of its presiding officer.

With respect to the place of a bishop as a presiding officer in Annual Conference sessions the Discipline is emphatic and specific. Paragraph 57, Article VIII of the Constitution states: "The bishops of the several Jurisdictional and Central Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective conferences." And although the foregoing mandate does not make particular reference to the Annual Conference, corresponding legislation does do so. Thus Paragraph 390—*Duties, Powers, And Limitations Of Bishops,* Section 2, stipulates one of the duties of a bishop as being "To preside in the General, Jurisdictional, Central, and Annual Conferences." With specfic reference to bishops

in a Central Conference, Paragraph 399 .2, .3, provides for them within the bounds of their territories the same status, authority, rights, and duties as possessed by Jurisdictional bishops.

Even more to the point is Paragraph 661.5 which treats of the Organization of the Annual Conference as it relates to a bishop as a presiding officer, as also to a power granted the Annual Conference with respect to electing its presiding officer. This paragraph and section read as follows:

> "The bishop assigned shall preside over the Annual Conference or, in case of inability, arrange for another bishop to preside. In the absence of a bishop the conference shall by ballot, without nomination or debate, elect a president pro tempore from among the traveling elders. The president thus elected shall discharge all the duties of a bishop except ordination."

This Paragraph and section, while prescribing episcopal presidency, nevertheless make provisions for non-episcopal presidency *in the absence of a bishop,* namely a president chosen from among the traveling elders. On the other hand, the Discipline makes no provision for an Annual Conference to elect a presiding officer when a resident or duly assigned bishop is present.

The action of the Africa Central Conference, in ordering that "discussion, vote and tally shall proceed in the absence of the presiding bishop and of any other bishop present at that conference and under the presidency of another person chosen by the conference" takes for granted that the presiding bishop is present; then improperly assumes that the Annual Conference has authority to effect the said bishop's absence albeit for only a period of discussion, and that even though the bishop is present as the presiding officer the Conference can elect a temporary substitute presiding officer of its choice.

The above is not to suggest that a conference may not request or suggest that a bishop surrender the chair and absent himself during the discussion of and vote on particular issues. Further, a bishop may voluntarily surrender the chair and absent himself during the discussion of and vote on particular issues. In either event the conference may elect its presiding officer for the necessary period of time. (Par. 661.5)

Decision

The action of the Africa Central Conference in ordering each Annual Conference "to engage in discussion, vote and

tally of 'Life Episcopacy' in the absence of the presiding bishop and of any other bishop present at that Conference and under the presidency of another person chosen by the Conference" is in violation of the Constitution and specific statutes of the Church, and is therefore illegal and invalid.

April 4, 1975

Decision No. 396

In Re: Petition of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference Requesting a Declaratory Decision as to the Constitutionality of a Deleted Section of Proposals Implementing Amendment IX of the Constitution.

DIGEST

The Judicial Council does not have jurisdiction regarding moot issues.

Jurisdiction

The Southern Illinois Annual Conference in its 1974 annual session was considering the problem of how best to select the additional lay members necessary for it to be in conformance with the requirements of Amendment IX of the Constitution. At one point in the consideration legislation was proposed which would have named a particular group of persons (a portion of the Conference Council on Ministeries) as lay members. This legislative proposal was defeated. Following the defeat of the proposed legislation the conference then voted to ask the Judicial Council for a ruling as to whether such deleted legislation would be constitutional.

Paragraph 1515 of the Discipline authorizes an Annual Conference to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision "as to the constitutionality, meaning, application or effect of the Discipline or any portion thereof, or of any act or legislation of a General Conference; . . . on matters relating to Annual Conferences or the work therein."

Constitutional Amendment IX is certainly a part of the Discipline related to Annual Conferences and the work therein. The Southern Illinois Annual Conference would certainly have the right to petition the Judicial Council for a ruling concerning its "meaning, application or effect" in relation to an Annual Conference formula for implementing the Amendment.

Reluctantly, however, the Judical Council concludes that it must decline jurisdiction in this petition. On the record

of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference, the section of the proposals for the implementation of Amendment IX, which was referred to the Judicial Council, had already been deleted by action of the Annual Conference, thus making the constitutionality of the referred section a moot question. We reach this conclusion without prejudice to the right of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference to further petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision on this and other questions related to the meaning, application or effect of Amendment IX.

April 4, 1975

Decision No. 397

In Re: Petition of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to the Meaning and Application of Paragraph 661.4 of the Discipline as it Relates to an Action of the Special Session of the 1974 Session of the Annual Conference.

DIGEST

A Special Session of an Annual Conference has authority to authorize such actions and procedures as it deems necessary to implement the acts and legislation which it enacts in accordance with the purpose of its call.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The 1974 session of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference, meeting May 15-19, voted to call a Special Session to deal with five specific matters, one of which was the Report of the Committee on Audit as referred to the Council on Finance and Administration. This Special Session met July 6, 1974. It was not able to complete its agenda on that day and voted to meet in an Adjourned Session August 15-16 to complete the work assigned to it.

At the session held August 15-16 the Council on Finance and Administration presented the recommendations of the Committee on Audit. These recommendations were approved by the conference. One of the recommendations was that Paragraph 882 of the Discipline be implemented. The Paragraph reads:

> "For the sake of economy and efficiency the Annual Conference may constitute the conference treasury as a depository for funds designated for any or all conference boards and agencies participating in the conference benevolences, eliminating as far as possible the necessity of a treasurer for each. In this event the conference treasurer shall keep a separate account for each such conference board or agency, enter the proper credits in each at the end of each month's business, and disburse the same on proper order from each board or agency, respectively. None of the above-designated accounts shall be drawn on for the benefit of another."

Immediately following the approval of the report the conference passed the following resolution:

"Whereas the Council on Finance and Administration has recommended that we have a centralized funding system, be it resolved that all treasurers of conference boards, commissions and committees shall remit their fund holdings to the Conference Treasurer within sixty days."

The legality of the passing of this resolution was challenged by a member of the conference on the basis that it was not "stated in the call" as required by Paragraph 661.4 of the Discipline.

The motion was made that the action of the conference be appealed to the Judicial Council but the motion was defeated. The chairman of the conference then suggested that a Declaratory Decision as to the legality of the resolution be requested from the Judicial Council. This request was passed by the Conference.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has Jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.2 (i) of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The facts in this case are not in dispute. There is no question as to the legality of the session of the Annual Conference that passed the resolution nor of its authority to consider and take action, approving or disapproving the recommendations of the Committee on Audit presented by the Council on Finance and Administration. The consideration of this report was one of the five agenda items listed in the call of the Special Session.

The call for the Special Session did not specifically state that if the report of the Committee on Audit were approved, the conference then would have authority to implement the action by discontinuing the separate treasuries. The question before the Council is whether such an action by the conference is legal under Paragraph 661.4.

To suggest that the call for a Special Session of an Annual Conference must itemize in minute and specific detail each action that such Special Session is empowered to take regarding each of the matters which it is authorized to consider would be an interpretation so narrow as to be absurd. The granting of the power of consideration and action certainly implies the authority for implementation. If it did not, there would be little reason for consideration and action. The Annual Conference which authorized the Special Session and placed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Audit on the agenda did so for the purpose of having the matter resolved and presumably having this accomplished before the next regular annual meeting of the conference. Otherwise there would have been no reason for

considering it in a Special Session. Thus the Special Session acted fully within its legal authority in passing the resolution of implementation.

Decision

When a Special Session of an Annual Conference, held under the provisions of Paragraph 661.4 of the Discipline, takes action regarding a matter properly assigned to it in the call, it has authority to authorize such actions and procedures as it deems necessary for implementation of its enactments.
April 4, 1975

Decision No. 398

In Re: Episcopal Ruling on a Point of Law Regarding the Constitutionality of the Restructuring Plans for the Mississippi and the North Mississippi Annual Conferences with Four District Superintendents Appointed to Each of Two Districts.

DIGEST

The Discipline of The United Methodist Church contains no provisions allowing the number of district superintendents to exceed the number of districts. The administrative structures of the districts of the Mississippi and the North Mississippi Annual Conferences are contrary to the structures established in the Constitution and law of The United Methodist Church to provide the basis for a connectional Church, and are violative of the rights of an Annual Conference, the members of the Annual Conference, and the principle of inclusiveness. The Plans are, therefore illegal and unconstitutional.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Special study committees of the Mississippi and the North Mississippi Annual Conferences recommended plans of operation to those conferences which contained recommendations that each conference be divided into two districts. Each of the two districts would be served by four district superintendents, at least one of whom would be black.

The report to the Mississippi Annual Conference reads specifically as follows:

"1. That for the next conference year beginning in June 1974 and ending May 1975, the Mississippi Conference be composed of two districts and that these districts be formed by the presiding bishop by churches and charges. That the cabinet be composed of 8 district superintendents, four from each district; that there be representation on each district from both former conferences; that the district superintendents work together in a team process of administration, guidance and leadership. That in keeping with The Book of Discipline, the presiding bishop, in consultation with the cabinet, will work out the lines of accountability of the churches and charges

in each district. That the annual conference at its regular session in 1975 evaluate and reconsider the implementation of this plan.

"2. That a study committee be appointed in adequate time before the end of the quadrennium to give careful consideration to the structural and substantive matters included herein and to a reduction in the number of district superintendents when recommended by the annual conference and to evaluate the progress being made in the conference.

"It is the opinion of the committee that this is the most workable, feasible, and considerate plan of arrangement of districts for the present time. With experimentation and adjustment to conditions and needs, it could become a new, helpful and creative plan within The United Methodist Church. The plan is considerate of all groups, members and churches of both former conferences, within the framework of the Christian inclusiveness of The United Methodist Church."

The report was adopted.

The report adopted by the North Mississippi Annual Conference was basically the same.

At a special session of the Mississippi Annual Conference on November 12, 1973, Reverend B. Ferrell Stokes submitted in writing the following question:

"I request a ruling on a point of law regarding the constitutionality of the "Two District Plan," inasmuch as Sec. III, Par. 17, Article III of the Constitution denies even the General Conference the right to do away with or drastically alter the plan of our itinerant general superintendency. "The Two District Plan," in my opinion, alters the itinerant superintendency to such a degree as to destroy the traditional form of itinerant general superintendency, and is in violation of the Discipline."

Bishop Mack B. Stokes ruled that the Plan was legal. The ruling was reported to the Judicial Council in writing in accordance with Paragraph 56 of the Discipline.

On February 5, 1975, the Commission on Religion and Race petitioned the Judicial Council as follows:

"1. The Commission on Religion and Race hereby petitions the Judicial Council for a ruling in the nature of a declaratory decision to determine the constitutionality of the action of the Mississippi Annual Conference in establishing and implementing its so-called 'Two District Administrative System.'

"2. AND further, to determine the constitutionality of the action of Bishop Mack B. Stokes, presiding Bishop of the Mississippi and the North Mississippi Annual Conferences in forming the districts, and in implementing the said 'Two District Administrative Systems' by the assignment of the administrative responsibility for the charges in such a manner as to restrict the responsibility for Black charges to Black District Superintendents and the responsibility for White charges to White District Superintendents.

"3. Petitioner, the Commission on Religion and Race, states that the actions of the North Mississippi and Mississippi Annual Conferences and of the Bishop in establishing and implementing said system are violative of the discipline provisions on inclusiveness and on the elimination of racial structures from the church.

"4. Petitioner alleges that Bishop Mack B. Stokes, the Mississippi Annual Conference and the North Mississippi Annual Conference are necessary parties to this action and are therefore named as parties to this action entitled to notice of the filing of this petition.

"5. Petitioner states that it is a General Conference Body and that the actions complained of relate to and affect the work of the Commission on Religion and Race and that the Judicial Council therefore has jurisdiction of this case and of the parties thereto."

The Judicial Council held public hearings on both matters at which Bishop Mack B. Stokes and Rev. B. Ferrell Stokes from Mississippi, Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, the chairman, Reverends Joseph E. Lowery and Woodie W. White and attorneys Leonard Slutz and Clenzo B. Fox, of the Commission on Religion and Race were heard. For the purpose of this decision the two matters were combined. The plans for restructuring the conferences hereinafter will be called the Plans.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraphs 56, 1512, 1515.2 (c) of the Discipline.

Analysis

The district superintendency is established under Paragraph 58, Article IX of the Discipline which states:

"In each Annual Conference there shall be one or more district superintendents who shall assist the bishop in the administration of the Annual Conference and shall have such responsibilities and term of office as the General Conference may determine."

The duties of the district superintendent are enumerated in Paragraph 354 of the Discipline, among them:

"1. To travel through the district in order to preach and oversee the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church.

* * * * *

"3. To administer the program of the Church within the bounds of the district in cooperation with the pastors and the Charge Conferences, to encourage adequate salaries for pastors, to promote a concern for continuing education for ministers, and to urge financial support of all conference and denominational causes.

"4. To supervise the work of pastors in the district and counsel with them concerning their pastoral responsibilities, continuing education, and other matters affecting their ministry and personal life. . . .

"5. To appraise the needs and opportunities of churches within the district; to evaluate fields of labor, and within an ecumenically responsible perspective to initiate new

forms of ministry, mergers, yoked fields, and long-range planning and the establishment and closing of churches."

The position of district superintendent was originally devised in Methodism as a supervisory position and is, in large measure, the connection between the local church and the general church.

The question was raised in the Mississippi Annual Conference as to whether or not the proposed district structure was a violation of the itinerant general superintendency protected by Paragraph 17, Article III of the Constitution. Historically the bishops of The United Methodist Church are itinerant general superintendents. (See *The Doctrines and Disciplines of The Methodist Episcopal Church* (*1798*) at page 44.)

Of course, the position is correct that no General Conference or Annual Conference or any other body may take any action that would change or alter the government of The United Methodist Church in such a fashion as to destroy the plan of the itinerant general superintendency.

The itinerant district superintendency is clearly an administrative arm of the itinerant general superintendency, established in the Constitution and law of The United Methodist Church as the basis of its distinctive connectionalism. It is clear from the paragraphs of the Discipline already cited, as well as many others, that it is the intent of the Discipline that the format for the Annual Conference structure shall be one superintendent for one district and that each district shall have clearly defined geographical boundaries.

Bishop Roy Short, in his book, *United Methodism in Theory and Practices,* points out:

> "There are more than five hundred district superintendents in The United Methodist Church. They blanket every foot of territory in the United States and vast areas in other countries where United Methodism operates. They keep in contact continually with every congregation and are available for counsel with every preacher and lay person. They are the living links by which the connectionalism is kept alive and functioning with efficiency."

The provisions of the Discipline heretofore cited give ample foundation for the accuracy of the definitions of districts and district superintendents found in the glossary of the Discipline on page 563:

> "District. The major administrative subdivision of an Annual Conference, the number of which is established

by the Annual Conference and the boundaries of which are set by the bishop after consultation with the district superintendents. It comprises all the pastoral charges in the prescribed territory and is under the supervision of a district superintendent."

"District Superintendent. A minister appointed by the bishop to administer the work of the church within a district."

Under Paragraph 390.3 of the Discipline the number of districts is determined by vote of the Annual Conference. The formation and structuring of the district is the responsibility of the bishop after consultation with the district superintendents. The appointment of district superintendents is the responsibility of the bishop.

The historical background of the office of district superintendent as well as the provisions of the Discipline make it clear that the office of district superintendent is a keystone of the connectional system. The Constitution also provides that "The Annual Conference is the basic body in the church . . ."

Paragraph 390.3 provides that among the duties of a bishop is "3. To form the districts after consultation with the district superintendents and after the number of the same has been determined by vote of the Annual Conference." It is clear that the historical reason for reserving the right to determine the number of districts to the Annual Conference is to give the Annual Conference control over the size and cost of the administration of the conference. Therefore, when an Annual Conference votes on the number of districts it is also deciding the number of district superintendents. The Plans are violative of this basic right reserved to the Annual Conference.

While the Annual Conference has broad powers to adopt rules and regulations for its own government, the Judicial Council has consistently ruled that the Annual Conference may not adopt structures which are contrary to those established for Annual Conferences in the Constitution and law of The United Methodist Church, nor may the Annual Conference adopt procedures which deny any rights of Annual Conferences, District Conferences or local churches, or the members thereof, which rights have been provided for in the Discipline. (See Decisions Nos. 239, 252, 314, 367.)

The Plans before the Council fail in these respects. For example: the Discipline clearly provides for the rights of the membership of the conference on a district level.

"Paragraph 669. A District Conference shall be held if directed by the Annual Conference of which it is a part

and may be held upon the call of the district superintendent, which call shall specify the time and place."

"Paragraph 670.4. The District Conference may incorporate a *District Union,* under the laws of the state in which it is located, to hold and administer district real and personal property, receive and administer church extension and mission funds for use within the district, . . . and may act for or as a District Conference when convened for that purpose by the *district superintendent,* who shall be its executive secretary . . ." (emphasis added)

"Paragraph 835.4. *Staff*—The *district superintendent* shall be the chief executive staff officer" (emphasis added)

"Paragraph 872. Should the Annual Conference make the apportionments to the districts only, the distribution to the charges of each district shall be made by its *district Board of Stewards,* composed of the *district superintendent* as chairperson and the district stewards elected by the several Charge Conferences (Par. 145.3)" (emphasis added)

"Paragraph 1041.1. In each district a *district chairperson of education* shall be appointed by the *district superintendent* in consultation with the chairperson of the conference Committee on Education. District chairpersons will be confirmed by the conference Committee on Education." (emphasis added)

"Paragraph 1414. There shall be in each district of an Annual Conference a *district Board of Church Location and Building,* consisting of *the district superintendent,* three ministers, and three lay persons nominated by the *district superintendent* and elected annually by the Annual Conference; . . ." (emphasis added)

No provision for these basic relationships between the membership of the district and the district superintendent is made in the Plans.

The Discipline clearly provides that there shall be the office of District Lay Leader.

"Paragraph 1056. *Membership*—The committee shall be composed of the *district lay leader,* who shall be chairperson . . ." (See also Par. 1057) (emphasis added)

No provision for this basic lay position is made in the Plans. As a matter of fact, the connectional rights of the laity, as a whole, are dissipated by the Plans.

The Discipline protects the rights of a local church to

have a relationship with a district structure and a district superintendent.

"Paragraph 144.6. Special sessions may be called by *the district superintendent* after consultation with the pastor of the charge or by the pastor with the written consent of the *district superintendent*. . . ." (emphasis added)

"Paragraph 147. The Church Conference may be authorized by *the district superintendent* on written request of the pastor or the Administrative Board or ten percent of the membership of the local church to the *district superintendent*, with a copy to the pastor, or at the discretion of the *district superintendent* . . ."

"Paragraph 130. If a local church is discontinued, the *district superintendent* shall select another United Methodist church and transfer its members thereto, or to such other churches as the members may select."

"Paragraph 1429. Prior to the purchase by an unincorporated local church of any real estate, a resolution authorizing such action shall be passed at a meeting of the Charge Conference . . . and provided further, that written consent to such action shall be given by the pastor and the *district superintendent*. (See Par. 1436)"

"Paragraph 1431. Prior to the purchase by a local church corporation of any real estate, a resolution authorizing such action shall be passed by the Charge Conference in corporate session, . . . provided further, that written consent to such action shall be given by the pastor and the *district superintendent;* and provided further, that all such transactions shall have the approval of the Charge Conference."

"Paragraph 1432. Any real property owned by, or in which an unincorporated local church has any interest, may be sold, transferred, or mortgaged subject to the following procedure and conditions:

* * * * *

"3. The written consent of the pastor of the local church and the *district superintendent* to the proposed action shall be necessary and shall be affixed to the instrument of sale, transfer, or mortgage." (See also Par. 1433)

"Paragraph 1434. Real property acquired by a conveyance containing trust clauses may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Discipline of The United Methodist Church . . . the written acknowledged consent of the proper *district superintendent* representing The United Methodist Church to the action taken shall constitute a release and discharge of the real property sold and conveyed from the trust clause or clauses; or in the

event of the execution of a mortgage, such consent of the *district superintendent* shall constitute a formal recognition . . ."

"Paragraph 1436. Any local church planning to build or purchase a new church or educational building or a parsonage, or to remodel such a building if the cost will exceed 10 percent of its value, shall take the following steps:

1.It shall secure the written consent of the pastor and the *district superintendent.*

* * * * *

"6. The pastor, with the written consent of the *district superintendent,* shall call a Church Conference . . ."

"Paragraph 1438. Two or more local churches may merge and become a single church by pursuing the following procedure.

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"3. The merger must be approved by the *superintendent* or *superintendents of the district or districts* in which the merging churches are located."

"Paragraph 1439. One or more local United Methodist churches may merge with one or more churches of other denominations and become a single church by pursuing the following procedure:

* * * * *

"3. The merger must be approved in writing by the *superintendent* of the *district,* a majority of the *district superintendents,* and the bishop of the area in which the merging churches are located."

No provisions for these basic relationships of the local church are made in the Plans. Churches seeking to assert their rights are provided with no connectional rights. All of these rights are, in effect, eliminated when there is no district structure provided as required by the Discipline.

The rights of a lay pastor in an Annual Conference also require a relatiouship on a district level. As an example see Paragraph 1532:

"Appeal of a Lay Pastor—1. In case of conviction a lay pastor shall be allowed to appeal to the Annual Conference; provided that within thirty days after conviction the lay pastor shall signify in writing to the *superintendent of the district* the determination to appeal."

Like provisions are made in reference to the rights of a local church members.

"Paragraph 1533.2 Any member of the Church against whom judgment shall have been rendered by a Trial Court may appeal to the Court of Appeals, as hereinafter constituted, by giving written notice of appeal to the *district superintendent* within thirty days after judgment is rendered.

"3. When thirty days' notice of appeal shall have been given, or sooner if agreed upon, the *superintendent*, having due regard for the wishes and rights of the appellant, shall convene a Court of Appeals . . . The *district superintendent* shall give not less than ten nor more than thirty days' notice to all persons concerned of the time and place at which the Court of Appeals shall assemble . . . The *district superintendent* shall preside. The court may order a new trial or acquit the accused or impose any penalty prescribed in Par. 1555."

"Paragraph 1556. If a member is brought to trial, it shall be before a Trial Court composed of not fewer than seven nor more than twelve members. They shall be chosen by the Charge Conference by ballot . . . The *district superintendent* or an elder in full connection appointed by the *district superintendent* shall preside at the trial."
"Paragraph 1558. If within sixty days after conviction under the foregoing provisions the accused shall make application in writing to the *district superintendent* for a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence, and shall submit therewith a written statement of the same, and if it shall appear that such evidence is material to the issue involved, the *district superintendent* shall grant a new trial . . ."

No provision for these basic rights of lay pastors and church members is made in the Plans. Provisions of the Discipline are no mere matter of semantics. They clearly outline the rights of the districts collectively, the laity, the lay pastors, and the church members. These provisions have been eliminated by the Plans and replaced by a confusing administrative procedure which effectively eliminates these rights.

The Mississippi Conference and the North Mississippi Conference have substituted a sub-district administrative structure for a district structure. This is not provided for in the Discipline. The Plans are antagonistic to the above quoted and many other sections of the Discipline and are violative of the connectional system of The United Methodist Church. The basic conference structures are clearly outlined in the Discipline. While there is flexibility in

structure as to boards and agencies, there is no such flexibility as to conference administrative structure.

The result is inequity.

The Commission on Religion and Race petitioned the Judicial Council in reference to the Plans averring that they ". . . are violative to the discipline provisions on inclusiveness and on the elimination of racial structures from the church." (Article 3 of Petition)

The Judicial Council takes notice of the amount of progress made toward racial inclusiveness under the leadership of the Area Bishop, Mack B. Stokes, as well as the lay and clerical leadership of both conferences.

Nevertheless, the record indicates that the Plans are in effect an implementation of merger with little, if any, involvement of the local church in the process of elimination of racial structure in the church. The record also indicates that the Plans call for the lines of accountability to run between selected district superintendents and selected churches which system provides an open door to racial structures within the district. The record indicates that the result has been essentially the dividing of the district into three sub-districts with three of the district superintendents being assigned on an essentially geographical basis and one being assigned district wide. A structure which admits of *de facto* exclusiveness is no more legal than one based on *de jure* exclusiveness. The Plans disregard the ruling of the Judicial Council in Decision No. 362:

> "If any merged conference or its boards and agencies should be so structured that it can in fact be demonstrated that equitable attitudes in matters of representation have not been observed and the resulting structure is in reality inequitable, that structure would be unconstitutional."

Decision

The administrative structures of the districts of the Mississippi and the North Mississippi Annual Conferences are contrary to the structures established in the Constitution and law of The United Methodist Church to provide the basis for a connectional Church, and are violative of the rights of an Annual Conference, the members of the Annual Conference, and the principle of inclusiveness. The Plans are, therefore, illegal and unconstitutional.

April 5, 1975

Decision No. 399

In Re: Petition from the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Interpretation of Paragraph 1435.1 of the *1972 Discipline* "Specifically to Determine whether or not Bail Bond Is to Be Considered as a Current Expense of the Local Church."

DIGEST

An obligation incurred by a local church under a bail bond agreement would be a current expense and Paragraph 1435.1 of the *1972 Discipline* prohibits a local church from placing a mortgage on its real property for such purpose.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Concerned citizens in Berks County, Pennsylvania, which is situated within the bounds of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, have incorporated a not for profit organization under the name People's Bail Reform Project, Inc. Similar organizations have been incorporated and are operating in a number of other communities. The purpose of the organization is to provide bail bonds for persons who have been arrested and placed in the Berks County Prison while awaiting trial, because they do not have the financial resources to provide or secure bail for themselves.

The People's Bail Reform Project gets its resources in two ways. First it seeks donations to provide for its own operational expenses and to establish a contingency fund to be used when bail must be forfeited because the person for whom the organization has provided bail fails to show for court proceedings. Second, the assets necessary for the bail required for the accused persons is provided by persons and organizations who agree to permit their own unincumbered property, real or personal but mostly real, to be used as collateral for the bail bond. When real property is thus used, it is mortgaged as security for the bond and the mortgage continues in effect until the final disposition of the case by the court. On Thursday, June 13, 1974, in the session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, on motion of Mrs. Barto, the following motion was adopted:

> "Be it resolved that the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Session at Albright College, June Session 1974, petition the General Conference in a memorial to have The United Methodist Church property restriction removed in order to allow bail collateral using real property.
>
> "We move referral of this resolution to the Board of Trustees and the Commission on Christian Social Concerns, for study and recommendation to be brought to the 1975 Annual Conference."

At the 1975 session of the conference on Thursday, June 12, Mr. Kenneth Texter reported the action and recommendation of the Conference Board of Trustees relative to the bail bond matter as follows:

> "The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference as directed by the Barto motion, *1974 Journal*, Vol. 2, page 438, has studied and considered the request for 'petitioning the General Conference to have The United Methodist Church property restriction

removed in order to allow bail collateral using real property,' and makes the following recommendation:

"We recommend petitioning the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church for an interpretation of Par. 1435.1 in the *1972 Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, specifically to determine whether or not bail bond is to be considered as Current Expense of the local Church."

The recommendation of the Board of Trustees to petition the Judicial Council was approved by the conference and so comes to the Judicial Council.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.2(i) of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

Paragraph 1435.1 of the *1972 Discipline* which the Council is asked to interpret reads:

> "No real property on which a church building or parsonage is located shall be mortgaged to provide for the current (or budget) expense of a local church, nor shall the principal proceeds of a sale of any such property be so used. This provision shall apply alike to unincorporated and incorporated local churches."

The petition from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference asks for an interpretation, "specifically to determine whether or not bail bond is to be considered as Current Expense of the local church." The Council has been furnished with adequate information regarding the structure, purposes and operational procedures of the People's Bail Reform Project, Inc. We are not called upon to make any judgment of the worthiness of its program. We are asked only to give an interpretation of the one sentence in Paragraph 1435.1.

By commonly accepted accounting procedures and practices, expenditures of organizations are divided into two general classifications, Capital and Current. Each of these, of course, may have many sub-divisions. The expenditure of funds, if such should be necessary, to pay for a forfeited bail bond could in no way be considered as a Capital expenditure for a local church. It would not have even a remote relation to the Capital Assets of the Church. Such an obligation would be current and payable on demand of the Court as soon as the person bonded failed to appear for a required court procedure relating to his case.

The remoteness of the probability that the church will be called upon to make such an expenditure because of the

safe-guards provided in the agreement with the People's Bail Reform Project, Inc. in no way alters the nature of the expenditure should the church be required to make it. Not only is the church prohibited from having a mortgage placed on its real property for such purposes but in addition it is prohibited from selling any such property which it may own and using the proceeds for any current expense obligation.

Decision

An obligation incurred by a local church under a bail bond agreement would be a current expense and Paragraph 1435.1 of the *1972 Discipline* prohibits a local church from placing a mortgage on its real property for such purpose.

October 16, 1975
Theodore M. Berry was absent.

Decision No. 400

In Re: Petition from the North Mississippi Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to the Meaning of Paragraphs 878, 882 and 831.9 (a) with Respect to the Distribution of Funds within an Annual Conference.

DIGEST

Paragraphs 878 and 882 provide for the distribution of World Service and conference benevolences by the conference treasurer as the Annual Conference has "acted and determined."

Paragraph 831.9 does not relate to the distribution of funds within an Annual Conference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Secretary of North Mississippi Annual Conference, Claude Johnson, informed the Judicial Council of the following facts.

During a business session of the North Mississippi Annual Conference at Grenada, Mississippi, June 6, 1975, the following statement and motion were submitted by L. C. Summers, a ministerial member:

> "The Council on Finance and Administration's Report, No. 2, 8,f on page 61 of "Program 1976" recommends as follows: 'Based upon the Conference objective and the priorities recommended by the Conference Council of Ministries and adopted by the Annual Conference, the committee (on Program Coordination) will evaluate the program budgets and submit to each board an adjusted figure for the current year, in order to bring the operation within the available anticipated funds for conference program. This means some boards may receive 100 per cent, others 80 per cent, while others may receive 60 per cent of the approved budget.'

"We move the report be amended by substituting for the above following:

"The conference treasurer shall distribute the funds received for conference benevolences according to the provisions of Paragraphs 878, and/or 882 of the Discipline of 1972."

After some discussion the following motion was voted unanimously:

"That the North Mississippi Annual Conference requests a Declaratory Decision of the Judicial Council as to the meaning of Paragraphs 878, 882 and 831.9(a) with respect to their meaning as to the distribution of funds within an annual conference."

Mr. Summers filed a brief with the Judicial Council.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

From the facts supplied by the Secretary of the Annual Conference it is evident that the interpretation of the paragraphs of the Discipline referred will relate to the work of the Annual Conference, and thus, the petition for a declaratory decision is properly before the Judicial Council.

Paragraph 878 requires first the local church treasurer to remit monthly all amounts contributed for World Service and conference benevolences to the conference treasurer who in turn is required each month to divide the total amount and to set aside "the proper amount for World Service and the proper amount for conference benevolences, *according to the ratio established by the Annual Conference* in the total World Service and conference budget." (Emphasis added.) The conference treasurer then distributes the "proper amount for conference benevolences" to the treasurers of the several agencies of the conference "according to the rightful share and proportion of each" and "the proper amount for World Service" to the treasurer of the Council on Finance and Administration.

Paragraph 882 provides that the conference treasury may serve as a "depository for funds designated for any or all conference boards and agencies participating in the conference benevolences" and that the conference treasurer shall keep separate accounts for each such board or agency. "None of the above designated accounts shall be drawn on for the benefit of another."

Paragraph 831.9 establishes the relationship of program boards and agencies of the Annual Conference with the Annual Conference Council on Ministries "in matters relating to the development, implementation, and administration of the program." Not in this subparagraph nor in any

other paragraph of this section relating to the Annual Conference Council on Ministries (Pars. 831-834) is the Annual Conference Council on Ministries charged with the responsibility for the distribution of conference funds.

Paragraph 831.10 j provides for the Council "to study and coordinate the budget askings of the conference agencies as they relate to the conference program" and then make recommendation to the Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

The Annual Conference is responsible for the total conference budget. The Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration recommends to the Annual Conference *for its action and determination* both "the total amount to be apportioned for the conference benevolence budget" and "the amount or the percentage of the total of the conference benevolence budget which shall be apportioned to each cause included in the said budget." (Par. 868.2)

Paragraph 870 relating to the World Service apportionment concludes: "The distribution of all apportionments in this paragraph shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference."

Furthermore, Paragraph 37 of the Constitution establishes that "the Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church . . ." and the powers and functions of that body have been affirmed and reaffirmed in Judicial Council Decisions Nos. 5, 38, 78, 79, 105 and 306 *inter alia.*

Not only is the power reserved to the Annual Conference but the Annual Conference cannot delegate its power to one of its agencies.

> "Under the Constitution of The Methodist Church . . . the Annual Conference is the 'basic' body in The Methodist Church, and is the reservoir of all powers not specifically delegated to the General Conference.
>
> "No authority is given in the Constitution of the Church for it to delegate its powers in such a manner as to deprive itself of that basic or ultimate power."
>
> Judicial Council Decision No. 38

Decision

Paragraphs 878 and 882 provide for the distribution of World Service and conference benevolences by the conference treasurer as the Annual Conference has "acted and determined."

Paragraph 831.9 does not relate to the distribution of funds within an Annual Conference.

October 17, 1975
Theodore M. Berry was absent.

Decision No. 401

In Re: Ruling of Bishop Jack M. Tuell in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference regarding the Reporting of Pensions and Benefits in the Conference Journal and the Designating of Payments within Ministerial Support.

DIGEST

Separate columns for reporting the amounts apportioned and paid for pensions and benefit purposes by each local church shall be provided in the conference statistical tables and the amounts recorded.

Further, the Discipline does not provide for a local church to designate its giving within the ministerial support items.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the 1975 Session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Elam J. Anderson, a ministerial member, in behalf of his local church at Emmett, Idaho, presented to the presiding bishop the following written request for a ruling:

> "Therefore we respectfully request: that the chair rule the present collection policy out of order and insist either that the A/C comply with Discipline Par. 1260.6c or that provision be made for designated giving to the penalty-linked pension portion within the total Ministerial Support Apportionment."

In response to the request in writing Bishop Jack M. Tuell ruled as follows:

> "1. I find that in regard to Paragraph 1260.6c that the annual conference is not in compliance. The conference statistical tables *do* provide a column for reporting pension and benefit purposes, but the amount paid thereon is not reported in that column, but only as a part of the entire ministerial support apportioned and paid. In order to comply with the Discipline, the figure apportioned for pensions and benefits and the amount paid for that purpose by each local church should be reported in appropriate columns.
>
> "2. I find in response to the second request for a local church to be able to designate its giving within the ministerial support items that the Discipline does not allow such a practice. Paragraphs 859 and 889, among others make it clear that as the Judicial Council quoted from Bishop Short's book on its Decision No. 390, 'all the ministry of United Methodism is one ministry forever intimately related.' This historic concept, found to be constitutional in Decision 390, is a cornerstone of our connectional ministry and polity."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1512 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

As the presiding bishop noted in his ruling, the request submitted by the ministerial member had two parts: 1. that

the Annual Conference comply with Paragraph 1260.6c, and 2. that provision be made for designated giving by local churches within the total ministerial support apportionment.

In consideration of the first part, Paragraph 1260.6c reads:

> "c) The conference statistical tables shall provide separate columns for reporting the amount apportioned to each pastoral charge for pension and benefit purposes and the amount paid thereon."

An examination of the Journals of several Annual Conferences reveals a variation in the statistical forms used by the Annual Conferences. The requirement of 1260.6c is sometimes ignored. As in the Oregon-Idaho Conference, the amounts apportioned and paid for pension and benefit purposes are combined with total ministerial support or other items.

Paragraph 1260.6c is a part of the "Proportional Payment" emphasis on pension and benefit programs. The purpose of a separate column for reporting is seen in the following Paragraph 1260.6d:

> "On retirement, the amount that a pastor is in default shall be subject to deduction from the pastor's pension, in accordance with rules and regulations of the specific program or programs under which the pension is provided."

Bishop Tuell correctly ruled that only the amounts apportioned and paid for pension and benefit purposes should be reported in the appropriate columns.

Pensions and benefit programs are a part of total ministerial support. The petitioner noted, in presenting the second part of the request, however, that it was the only part with a penalty clause for non-payment, and raised the question of whether or not churches could designate giving to this "penalty-linked portion within the total ministerial support apportionment."

Proportional payments are required, however, by the Discipline for all the items of ministerial support, as the petitioner noted. Paragraph 889 reads:

> "When the apportionments for bishops, district superintendents, conference claimants, and the Equitable Salary Fund for the several districts and charges have been determined, payments made to the same in each pastoral charge shall be exactly proportional to the amount

paid on the ministerial salary or salaries (Par. 859). The treasurer or treasurers of each pastoral charge shall accordingly make proportional distribution of the funds raised in that charge for the support of the ministry and shall remit, monthly if practicable and quarterly at the latest, the items for bishops, district superintendents, conference claimants, and the Equitable Salary Fund to the proper treasurer or treasurers."

Further this obligation has been upheld by the Judicial Council in several decisions, including Judicial Council Decisions Nos. 250, 306, 320 and 390.

> "The whole tradition of the traveling ministry of Methodism, supported by numerous paragraphs in the *1968 Discipline of The United Methodist Church* gives an undeniable priority to ministerial support in the Church." Judicial Council Decision No. 306

Bishop Tuell was correct in ruling that the Discipline does not provide for a local church to designate its giving within the ministerial support items.

Decision

Separate columns for reporting the amounts apportioned and paid for pensions and benefit purposes by each local church shall be provided in the conference statistical tables and the amounts recorded thereon.

The Discipline does not provide for a local church to designate its giving within the ministerial support items.

The ruling of Bishop Jack M. Tuell is affirmed.

October 17, 1975
Theodore M. Berry was absent.

Decision No. 402

In Re: Petition from the Commission on the General Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Question: "Who Can Elect and Seat Delegates to the General Conference and by What Process?"

DIGEST

Delegates to the General Conference must be elected by the Annual Conferences or by affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches and the Methodist Church in Great Britain when concordats with them are

approved by the General Conference. Only such duly elected persons have all the rights and privileges of delegates, including the right to expenses and per diems.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Commission on the General Conference at its meeting on October 16, 1974, authorized a petition to the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision to clarify the meaning of Paragraph 12 of the Constitution on the composition of the General Conference.

The Commission noted that at the General Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, a number of caucus groups were seated on the floor of the Conference by vote of the General Conference. They were given voice but not vote. Some of the persons so seated sought expenses and per diems on the assumption that they had been constituted as delegates to the General Conference. The Commission felt that a declaratory decision was necessary to set forth the law of the Church and to preclude any misunderstanding about who are properly constituted as delegates to the General Conference.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the Discipline.

Analysis

Paragraph 12 of the Constitution has no ambiguity in it concerning the composition of the General Conference. Its ministerial and lay delegates are to be elected by the Annual Conferences. When the Paragraph was amended in 1968 there were additional provisions. The Paragraph now reads:

"1. The General Conference shall be composed of not less than 600 nor more than 1,000 delegates, one half of whom shall be ministers and one half lay members.

"2. Delegates shall be elected by the Annual Conferences except that delegates may be elected by other autonomous Methodist churches if and when the General Conference shall approve concordats with such other autonomous Methodist churches for the mutual election and seating of delegates in each other's highest legislative conferences.

"3. In the case of The Methodist Church in Great Britain, mother church of Methodism, upon mutual approval of the concordat now pending, provision shall be made for the reciprocal election and seating of four delegates, two clergy and two lay."

Paragraph 601 of the Discipline carries out the constitutional requirement of Paragraph 12 as it provides for the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference by the Annual Conferences.

Paragraphs 641.3 and 644 carry out the constitutional

provisions authorizing the election of delegates from affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches. The concordats provide that such delegates "have all the rights and privileges of delegates, including membership on committees, except the right to vote." Such delegates, even with such restrictions are properly constituted delegates by constitutional provision.

The only fully constituted delegates to the General Conference are those elected by the Annual Conferences or those whose elections are approved by concordats with affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches or with The Methodist Church of Great Britain. Only such fully constituted delegates have all the rights and privileges of delegates to the General Conference, including the rights of expenses and per diems.

Presumably the General Conference has the power to grant certain courtesies to certain individuals or groups for a limited participation in the General Conference, but it has no authority to constitute or seat such persons as delegates with all the rights and privileges of the same. Paragraph 15.15 of the Constitution grants to the General Conference power to "enact such other legislation as may be necessary, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the Church." With two minor exceptions the Constitution provides that the delegates to the General Conference shall be elected by the Annual Conferences. The General Conference has no power to constitute or seat delegates to itself.

Decision

It is the decision of the Judicial Council that the only legally constituted delegates to the General Conference are those who are elected by the Annual Conferences, or those elected by affiliated autonomous Methodist Churches or by The Methodist Church in Great Britain in concordats approved by the General Conference. Only such duly elected persons have all the rights and privileges of delegates, including the right to expenses and per diems.

October 17, 1975
Theodore M. Berry was absent.

Decision No. 403

In Re: Petition from the Commission on the General Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to whether Paragraphs 603 and 648 of the Discipline

Which Limit the Voting Rights, Privileges and Traveling Expenses of "Delegates" from Provisional Annual Conferences Overseas are in Contradiction to Paragraphs 39 and 40 of the Constitution.

DIGEST

Provisional Annual Conferences outside the United States are not entitled to elect delegates to the General Conference because of the exception from such entitlement stated in Paragraph 14 of the Constitution. The Discipline, under Paragraph 603, does authorize them to have "a designated member" at the General Conference with the restrictions indicated.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The secretary of the General Conference, J. B. Holt, on August 4, 1975, addressed a letter to the Judicial Council as follows:

> "At the suggestion of Bishop Jack M. Tuell, the Commission on the General Conference is requesting a declaratory decision on 'Are Paragraphs 603 and 648 of the *Book of Discipline* which purport to limit the voting rights and privileges and traveling expenses of delegates from Provisional Annual Conferences Overseas to the General Conference in contradiction to Paragraphs 39 and 40 of the *Constitution of The United Methodist Church* which gives Provisional Annual Conference delegates all the rights of Annual Conference Delegates?' "

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.2c of The Discipline.

Analysis

The concept of a Provisional Annual Conference in The United Methodist Church is that of an Annual Conference in the process of becoming. It is given certain rights, privileges and responsibilities of an Annual Conference, but it is also subject to certain restrictions because it has not yet attained the full stature of a regular Annual Conference. Achieving regular Annual Conference status is a growing process from the time of the creation of the Provisional Conference until it has developed into the full stature of an Annual Conference and the prefix "Provisional" is removed. So long, however, as the "Provisional" prefix remains certain restrictions also continue.

The Constitution and the Discipline of The United Methodist Church make some distinctions between Provisional Annual Conferences in the United States which are within the bounds of a Jurisdictional Conference and those Provisional Annual Conferences that are outside of the United States and within the bounds of a Central or Provisional

Central Conference. One of the major distinctions between these Provisional Annual Conferences is exactly at the point of the question here raised by the Commission on the General Conference.

Paragraph 14 of the Constitution reads in part:

> "The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, Jurisdictional and Central Conferences from the Annual Conferences and the Provisional Annual Conferences, computed on a two-factor basis: . . . *provided* that each Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference, except for the Provisional Annual Conferences of a Central Conference or a Provisional Central Conference, shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate in the General Conference and also in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference."

Paragraph 38 states:

> "The Annual Conference shall elect ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its Jurisdictional or Central Conference in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V . . ."

Articles IV and V are Paragraphs 39 and 40 which are referred to in the petition of the Commission on the General Conference. These paragraphs relate to the election of delegates to the General Conference and to Jurisdictional or Central Conferences. Paragraph 39 relates to election of ministerial delegates and Paragraph 40 to lay delegates. Both paragraphs use the phrase "the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference." This language is necessary since *some* Provisional Annual Conferences, that is those within the bounds of the Jurisdictional Conferences, do elect delegates to both the General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conferences.

However, this general language used in these two paragraphs in no way nullifies the *exception* of Provisional Annual Conferences within a Central or Provisional Central Conference made in Paragraph 14 of the Constitution. Thus the Constitution does not make any provision for delegates to the General Conference or to Central or Provisional Central Conferences from Provisional Annual Conferences within the bounds of Central or Provisional Central Conferences because of the exception placed in Paragraph 14.

Further, Paragraph 15 of the Constitution gives the General Conference full power to "define and fix the duties of . . . Provisional Annual Conferences . . ." We would refer

to Judicial Council Decision No. 354 in which we state:

"We respectfully advise the General Conference that it does not have this right. The powers of the General Conference are delegated to it by the Annual Conferences, the 'fundamental bodies of the Church' (Par. 10 of the Constitution). The limitations based upon those powers have a similar source. The constitutional authority with respect to the seating of delegates includes the limitations in Paragraph 40. Those limitations can only be changed by a constitutional amendment proposed by the General Conference and approved by the Annual Conferences.

"However, these constitutional limitations do not apply to delegates who are seated without the right to vote. Nothing we have decided in this decision or in Decision No. 346 would prevent the General Conference from seating the appellants as delegates at large with the right to speak, but not to vote, or from reimbursing them for such expenses as it might deem appropriate. Under the unusual circumstances now before us, there would be equity in such an action."

If such Provisional Conferences are to have "representation or delegates" at the General Conference or the Central or Provisional Central Conferences, the authority for such representation must come from some source other than the Constitution.

Consequently, the General Conference, in its wisdom, has decided that indeed these Provisional Annual Conferences should be represented in the General Conference and in their respective Central or Provisional Central Conferences. This representation for Central and Provisional Central Conferences is authorized in Paragraph 648 of the Discipline which reads in part:

"... A Provisional Annual Conference within the territory of a Central Conference or of a Provisional Central Conference may elect delegates to a Central Conference or a Provisional Central Conference on the same basis as an Annual Conference but may not elect delegates to a General Conference."

This gives these Provisional Annual Conferences delegates to their Central or Provisional Central Conferences on the same basis as the Provisional Annual Conferences in the United States have to their Jurisdictional Conferences. But at the same time it prohibits them from having delegates at the General Conference.

In order that such Provisional Annual Conferences as

well as Missionary Conferences outside the United States might have some representation to care for their interests in the General Conference, the General Conference enacted Paragraph 603 of the Discipline which states:

> "Each Provisional Annual Conference and Missionary Conference outside the United States may designate a member to meet with the standing committees and have the privileges of the floor of the General Conference on matters affecting the interest of the member's conference, but without vote and without expense to the General Conference except for the per diem during its sessions."

Since the overseas Provisional Annual Conferences are not authorized by the Constitution to elect delegates to the General Conference, Paragraphs 603 and 648 are not in conflict with the Constitution. Paragraphs 39 and 40 of the Constitution must be read in the light of the exception which relates to the Provisional Annual Conferences as stated in Paragraph 14.

Decision

Provisional Annual Conferences outside the United States which are within the territory of a Central or Provisional Central Conference are not entitled to elect delegates to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. The Discipline in Paragraph 603 does authorize them to have a "designated member" at the General Conference with the restriction indicated.

October 17, 1975
Theodore M. Berry was absent.

Decision No. 404

In Re: The Power of an Annual Conference to Grant Full Membership to a Person Earlier Denied Such Membership when the Conference Deems the Earlier Action to have Involved Injustice and Inequity, and the Retroactive Granting of Ministerial Status.

DIGEST

An Annual Conference may under unusual circumstances grant full ministerial status to a person it deems previously to have met the

disciplinary requirements, when in its judgment there has been injustice and inequity in the manner in which the original application for conference membership was processed. Such action may not be declared retroactive.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At a session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference meeting in Salem, Oregon, June 5, 1975, a motion was introduced by the Board of the Ministry to grant Gertrude Sorlien probationary membership effective 1956 and full membership effective 1960. The presiding officer, Bishop Jack Tuell, ruled the motion out of order, as not being in compliance with the Discipline, on the basis that there is no provision in the Discipline for the granting of ministerial status to persons on a retroactive basis.

With that motion ruled out of order, the Board of the Ministry offered a second motion:

> "Having found the training and experience of Gertrude Sorlien to be the equivalent of the requirements of the Discipline, and having found her services for six years as an associate member to be equivalent to the disciplinary requirement of two years service as a probationary member, we move that Gertrude Sorlien be granted full membership in the conference."

Bishop Tuell ruled that the second motion was in order and the full ministerial members voted to grant Mrs. Sorlien full membership in accordance with the motion. Mrs. Sorlien was asked the disciplinary questions and was retired as a full member of the Conference.

The facts are that before 1956 Gertrude Sorlien was barred, along with all women, from full membership in the Annual Conference. However, she began service as an accepted supply pastor in 1943 and served a number of years in the Pacific Northwest Conference. She completed the four year conference course of study in 1953 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Methodist University in 1955. She was ordained a local deacon in 1950 and a local Elder in 1955 in the Pacific Northwest Conference. In 1956, after the General Conference had taken action permitting women full conference membership, Mrs. Sorlien made application to the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Oregon Annual Conference for full membership. She had recently been married to Rev. Palmer Sorlien and she was apparently informed by the Board that it would be impossible for a husband and wife to be accepted as members of the conference. She reports that she felt there was nothing she could do about this so she served with her husband in 1956 and 1957. In 1958 she was appointed a pastor as an accepted supply to the parish at Gardiner, Oregon. She served there for four years. After the death of her husband she was appointed to Yoncalla and in 1969 she was appointed to Joseph and Wallowa charge in Oregon. In 1969 she was received as an Associate Member of the Oregon Conference. In 1975, at the age of 67, Mrs. Sorlien was ready to ask for retirement. Once again she made application for full membership. On this request the motions of the Board of the Ministry were made at the Annual Conference. The action of the Annual Conference was duly passed appealing the decisions of Bishop Tuell on this matter to the Judicial Council.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1511 of the Discipline.

Analysis

The matter before the Council is whether or not a person who at one time has met the qualifications for admission on trial and progression to full membership, but who was denied this in part on the basis of her sex and marital status, can later be voted into membership at a time when her qualifications do not meet the current standards which have been set by the General Conference during the intervening period. How may an Annual Conference deal with a person who was denied full ministerial membership during the years when it would have been possible and appropriate for her to have completed the specific requirements for full membership, and who has served faithfully since that time as a devoted minister? It hinges upon whether or not she met the educational requirements.

Paragraph 323 of the *1956 Discipline* under which the Conference was legally operating at the time of her first application read:

> "A candidate for admission on trial must (1) have been graduated with a bachelor of arts or equivalent degree in liberal education in a college or university accredited or approved by the University Senate and (2) have completed at least one-fourth of the work required for a bachelor of divinity or equivalent degree in a school of theology accredited or approved by the University Senate except under the special conditions of Paragraph 325."

The *1956 Discipline* provides for exceptions under the special conditions of Paragraph 325, which read:

> "Under special conditions an Annual Conference may, by a three-fourths majority vote, admit a candidate on trial in the following exceptional cases:
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> 1. (Applies to graduates of non-accredited colleges).
> 2. If he is a graduate with a bachelor of arts or equivalent degree in liberal education from a college accredited or approved by the University Senate, and has completed satisfactorily the introductory studies for the ministry.
> 3. (Applies to approved supply pastors).

It appears that the argument that Mrs. Sorlien was not eligible for admission on trial in 1956 is not an accurate one in view of the provision in Paragraph 325.2. Mrs. Sorlien did in 1956 hold a bachelor of arts degree from an accredited college and had completed the entire conference

course of study. The *1956 Discipline* would have made her eligible, after serving a regular appointment under supervision of the District Superintendent for two years while on trial, to be admitted into full membership. Paragraph 343.1 stated: "A candidate who was admitted on trial under the terms of Paragraph 325.2 may meet the educational requirements for admission into full connection by completing the entire 4-year ministerial course of study." This Mrs. Sorlien had done prior to the year 1956.

The 1968 General Conference established the status of associate member of the Annual Conference. She immediately applied for this and was duly elected at the Conference in 1969. In the *1972 Discipline,* Paragraph 308.2 states: "Men and women are included in all provisions of the Discipline which refer to the ministry."

In Decision No. 317 the Judicial Council ruled: "A Board of the Ministry of an Annual Conference may not deny approval of a candidate for probationary membership on the basis of marital status or the ministerial occupation of a spouse."

The argument was made that Mrs. Sorlien should not have been elected to full membership in 1975 because she had not been a probationary member for the two years as required in the *1972 Discipline,* Paragraph 333. Evidently the Board of the Ministry and the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference felt an injustice had been done by the Conference in 1956 in denying Mrs. Sorlien her probationary membership at a time when she could qualify from the educational standpoint under the powers given to the Board of the Ministry by the Discipline. It is the judgment of this Council that the Board of the Ministry of the Oregon-Idaho Conference and the full ministerial members of that Annual Conference were within their rights in this instance in finding that the years of service as an associate member by Mrs. Sorlien could be deemed equivalent of years of service as a probationary member. Complying with strict construction of the provisions of Paragraph 333 of the Discipline in this instance could amount to an unconstitutional deprivation of the rights of Mrs. Sorlien as a member of The United Methodist Church under rights given her in the constitution. Paragraph 15.14: "To secure the rights and privileges of membership in all agencies, programs and institutions of The United Methodist Church regardless of race or status."

It seems clear to this council that at least a part of the basis upon which Mrs. Sorlien was not granted her application for probationary membership in 1956 involved certain injustice. In essence, a recognition of her constitu-

tional rights by the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference in receiving her into full membership immediately prior to her retirement is an action that moves in the direction of restoration of rights and redress for injustice.

Since the Discipline makes no provision for the retroactive granting of ministerial status, the Oregon-Idaho Conference was in violation of the Discipline in seeking to entertain a motion before the conference electing Mrs. Sorlien to full membership at the 1975 session of the conference retroactive to the 1960 session of the conference.

Decision

An Annual Conference may under unusual circumstances grant full ministerial status to a person it deems previously to have met the disciplinary requirements, when in its judgment there has been injustice and inequity in the manner in which the original application for conference membership was processed. Such action may not be declared retroactive. The decisions of Bishop Tuell are affirmed.

October 17, 1975
Theodore M. Berry was absent.

Dissenting Opinion

I am in accord with that portion of the majority opinion that upholds the ruling of Bishop Jack M. Tuell that there can be no retroactive granting of ministerial status.

I respectfully dissent from that portion of the majority opinion that states, "An Annual Conference may, under unusual circumstances, grant full ministerial status to a person it deems previously to have met the disciplinary requirements, when in its judgment there has been injustice and inequity in the manner in which the original application for conference membership was processed."

The opinion suggests that the justification for permitting the Annual Conference to substitute its discretion for disciplinary requirements was "injustice and inequity." The evidence of injustice and inequity submitted fell far short of establishing with any clarity the manner in which the original application was processed. The only written record was taken from the minutes of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications:

> "*Gertrude Sorlien.* Mrs. Sorlien did not appear, as she was ill. She is uncertain as to whether or not she wishes to unite with the Conference. Credentials are to be secured from P.N.W. Conference where she has been

serving. Moved, seconded, passed to list as approved supply as a local Elder."

Certainly Mrs. Sorlien had access to the minutes at the time and if they improperly reported her "uncertainty," the error should have been corrected at that time.

We are told that in recent testimony, Mrs. Sorlien indicated that her uncertainty was due to the matter of ". . . the Board's discussion about her appointability if she were received on trial." We are further advised that in her letter of January 7, 1975 Mrs. Sorlien indicated that this question centered around the fact that ". . . did not want an appointment of her own but somehow share one with her husband."

In my opinion the evidence of injustice and inequity in the processing of Mrs. Sorlien's application to the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications is insufficient to form a valid basis for the opinion.

Further, I do not believe that annual conferences should be encouraged, even in "unusual circumstances" to substitute discretion for disciplinary requirements. Where the Discipline intends discretion such intent is clear. Paragraph 333 of the Discipline is explicit in requiring every candidate for membership in full connection to be a probationary member for at least two years.

Paragraphs 314.2 and 322.1 give additional evidence of the intent to make probationary membership a prerequisite for membership in full connection. Paragraph 322.1 reads as follows:

> "Associate members are eligible for ordination as deacons but *may not be ordained elders unless they qualify through probationary membership for membership in full connection* in the Annual Conference." (Emphasis added.)

There is absolutely no indication that Associate membership can be substituted for probationary membership. On the contrary, there is every indication that probationary is a required preparatory step to full connection.

There is little doubt that the fact that Mrs. Sorlien was about to retire at the time that she applied for membership in full connection made her situation rather unique. However, to open the door to varying the requirements as set forth in the Discipline is a dangerous precedent.

FLORENCE LUCAS EDWARDS

Decision No. 405

In Re: Petition from the Louisiana Annual Confer-

ence for a Declaratory Decision as to the Right of an Annual Conference to Make a Decision Relative to Ministerial Classifications Without a Recommendation from the Board of the Ministry.

DIGEST

The Board of the Ministry is required by the Discipline to make recommendations to the Annual Conference in regard to all matters of ministerial classifications. In the event the Board of the Ministry fails to make such recommendations, the Annual Conference has the right to take such action as is necessary.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Louisiana Annual Conference in session at Shreveport, Louisiana on May 30, 1975 petitioned the Judicial Council to render a declaratory decision on the question: "Does the Annual Conference have a right to make a decision relative to ministerial classifications if there has been no recommendation from the Board of the Ministry for such classifications?"

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The resolution raises a question of "the right" of an Annual Conference to make a decision relative to ministerial classifications if there has been no recommendation from the Board of the Ministry for such classifications. Contrarily, the brief submitted by the Area Provost in behalf of the Board of the Ministry recognizes such a right, then goes on to ask rather "if such a procedure can be used to properly place a candidate's case before the conference."

The Council assumes that the intention of the petition is to ascertain what is legal and also proper in a parliamentary sense with respect to an Annual Conference's taking action on matters of ministerial classification in the absence of a recommendation from the Board of the Ministry.

Granted the assumption, a decision must take into consideration the following propositions, several of which applicable to the instant case were dealt with in our Decision No. 344 to which reference is made:

1. The Annual Conference is required by the Book of Discipline to elect a Board of the Ministry. (Par. 665.4)
2. The Board of the Ministry has certain Disciplinary duties including making and reporting recommendations in regard to ministerial classifications of all kinds

to the Annual Conference (Par. 665.5 h, k[8]; and Pars. 323, 325, 326, 333).

3. The Board of the Ministry shall be directly amenable to the Annual Conference for its actions. (Par. 665.16)
4. The Annual Conference has the right to vote (Par. 37), and is the final voting authority (Judicial Council Decision No. 344) in matters of ministerial classifications.
5. The Annual Conference may vote to accept, change, or to reject a recommendation from the Board of the Ministry. (Judicial Council Decision No. 344)
6. The Annual Conference or the bishop may order an executive session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relationships. (Par. 663.5)

The brief submitted supports a procedure whereby the Board of the Ministry may withhold a recommendation. Further, the brief assumes that all recommendations must be in the affirmative. However, the Board of the Ministry is duty bound to make a recommendation, positive or negative. And the suggestion that withholding may be interpreted as a negative recommendation is detrimental to due process.

The Board of the Ministry cannot discharge its duty by withholding a recommendation as the brief declares to be necessary on occasion. Conversely, the board has not discharged its duty until it has made a recommendation for or against. Should the board fail to discharge its duty the Annual Conference or the bishop has the right, recourse, and responsibility to act without a recommendation through an executive session of the ministerial members. According to Paragraph 665.8:

> "The board shall examine all applicants (a) for employment as lay pastors and (b) for conference membership as to their fitness for the ministry, and shall make full inquiry as to the fitness of candidates for admission into full connection. . . . The board shall also report recommendations concerning: (a) candidates for ordination as deacons, (b) candidates for ordination as elders. (c) those to be received from other churches, (d) those to be transferred into the conference, and (e) students, not yet elders in full connection, to be appointed to attend school and assigned to a Charge Conference."

In the event that any candidate in the above classifications has not been previously reported to the Annual Conference, a ministerial member may make a presenta-

tion. The conference is then under obligation to refer the case to the Board of the Ministry for a recommendation, positive or negative, which the board in turn is obligated to report.

Decision

The Board of the Ministry is required by the Discipline to make recommendations to the Annual Conference in regard to all matters of ministerial classifications. In the event the Board of the Ministry fails to make such recommendations, the Annual Conference has the right to take such action as is necessary.

October 17, 1975
Theodore M. Berry was absent

Decision No. 406

In Re: Ruling of Bishop John B. Warman in the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference on Whether or not there is a Principle of Confidentiality which would Permit an Annual Conference Board of the Ministry to Withhold Information Requested by Members of an Executive Session of the Annual Conference Bearing on the Moral Character or Spiritual Disciplines of Candidates for the Ministry.

DIGEST

It is the right of the Executive Session of an Annual Conference to have full information presented to it pertinent to the qualifications of any candidate for the ministry. Any principle of confidentiality in this regard must include not only the Board of the Ministry but also the Annual Conference Executive Session.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On June 12, 1975, in the regular session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, a member of the conference asked for an official interpretation under Paragraph 56 of the Discipline, on the following question:

> "Is there a principle of confidentiality or secrecy, not formerly known in this Conference, that permits or requires the Board of the Ministry, at its discretion, to keep from any Executive Session of the Conference information requested by members of the Executive Session bearing on the moral character and the disciplines of the Christian life of candidates seeking approval for ministerial orders and Conference membership?"

The following morning on June 13, 1975, Bishop John Warman made the following statement:

"The language of the request is not entirely clear. It asks 'Is there a principle of confidentiality or secrecy, not formerly known in the Conference.' There is no way of knowing what was 'formerly known in the Conference.' I only know that in the two preceding years that I have been with the Conference the recommendations of the Board of the Ministry have been accepted by the Executive Session without inquiry into the particulars of any interview of any candidate.

"Let me indicate what I believe to be the respective Disciplinary responsibilities of the Board of the Ministry and of the Annual Conference in regard to the examination and reception of candidates for membership in the Annual Conference. In the several paragraphs of the Discipline relating to the matter, the duty of examination and recommendation of the candidate is laid upon the Board of the Ministry (Pars. 319; 323; 325; and 333). The only public examination of the candidate provided in the Discipline is the examination by the Bishop in the presence of the Conference as detailed in Paragraph 334.

"Had the General Conference contemplated a direct examination of the candidate by the Executive Session it would have written the requirement into the Discipline. That it did not do so and that it specifically laid the duty of examination on the Board of the Ministry would seem to indicate that all pertaining to the examination is the peculiar property of the Board to be used by it in the formulation of its recommendation.

"In these same paragraphs the Annual Conference is charged with making the final determination. It can accept the recommendation of the Board or it can reject the recommendation of the Board. It cannot use the recommendation as a covert way of conducting an additional examination of the candidate by requiring the Board to yield over the candidate's answers as made to the Board. The interviews conducted by the Board of the Ministry are confidential.

"This is in harmony with Judicial Council Decision No. 318: 'Any rule or regulation which seeks to add to or subtract from the provisions of Paragraphs 318 and 326 is in conflict with the Discipline of The United Methodist Church.' "

A copy of the decision of law was forwarded to the Judicial Council according to Paragraph 56 of the Discipline with indication that the ruling was challenged by the conference, and a decision requested of the Judicial Council on the legality of the ruling.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1512, the Discipline.

Analysis

The issues here are the right to knowledge on the part of Conference ministerial members concerning qualifications of candidates for the ministry and the need to preserve the aspect of confidentiality in regard to privileged information.

Does the Annual Conference ministerial member or members in Executive Session have the right to question the Board of the Ministry for additional information beyond its report on candidates for the ministry? Or, is this information to be available only to the Board of the Ministry

which reports its recommendations to the Executive Session, but keeps confidential to itself information concerning questions asked and answers given within the Board of the Ministry which may be sought through questions in the Executive Session?

Paragraph 37 of the Constitution states:

> "The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine."

On all matters of "ordination, character and conference relations of ministers" the ministerial members of the Annual Conference are given the power of determination. To the Annual Conference is given the responsibility, as a part of the business of the conference, to make inquiry into the moral and official conduct of its ministers. It may order an executive session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relations.

Paragraph 663.5 of the *1972 Discipline* states:

> "The Annual Conference shall make inquiry into the moral and official conduct of its ministers. In response to the inquiry whether all ministerial members of the conference are blameless in their life and official administration, the district superintendent may answer for all the preachers in the district in one answer, or the Board of the Ministry may make inquiry of each district superintendent about each minister in the district and make one report to the bishop and the conference in open session; provided that the conference or the bishop may order an executive session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relationships."

There is also a public examination by the bishop of the class to be admitted into the conference, when the questions

of Paragraph 334 are asked of all candidates seeking admission into full membership and associate membership of the Annual Conference.

The Board of the Ministry is a required board in each Annual Conference. (Par. 665.4 a, *1972 Discipline*)

The Board of the Ministry duties are listed in Paragraph 665.5. Among the duties listed are:

> "To inquire into the educational and spiritual qualifications of each candidate for the ministry. (Par. 665.5 g, *1972 Discipline*)
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> "To examine each candidate to be advanced to membership in the Annual Conference and to orders and each minister from another church seeking entrance into our fellowship according to the provisions of the Discipline, and report its recommendations to the Annual Conference. (Par. 665.5 h, *1972 Discipline*)
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> "The board shall examine all applicants (a) for employment as lay pastors and (b) for conference membership as to their fitness for the ministry, and shall make full inquiry as to the fitness of candidates for admission into full connection. This must include an examination as to character, habits of life, conversation, call to the ministry, Christian experience, evangelistic and missionary concern, age, educational qualifications, domestic situation, cooperation with others, ability to lead a service of worship, and understanding of the Church's mission. The answers to the examination questions may be submitted in writing. The board shall also report recommendations concerning: (a) candidates for ordination as deacons, (b) candidates for ordination as elders, (c) those to be received from other churches, (d) those to be transferred into the conference, and (e) students, not yet elders in full connection, to be appointed to attend school and assigned to a Charge Conference. (Par. 665.8, *1972 Discipline*)
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> "The board shall certify all information and recommendations concerning each candidate to the Annual Conference in duplicate. One copy of this record is to be kept by the registrar of the board, and one copy is to be mailed after each conference session to the Division of the Ordained Ministry." (Par. 665.9, *1972 Discipline*)

The relationship of the Board of the Ministry to the Annual Conference is stated in Paragraph 665.16 of the *1972 Discipline:* "The board shall be directly amenable to the Annual Conference for its actions."

The examination of candidates for the ministry is a responsibility of the Board of the Ministry. But, it is also

the obligation of the ministerial members of the Annual Conference to ". . . consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character and conference relations . . ." (Par. 663.5)

A candidate for the ministry has the right to expect that the personal data and private information provided through the examinations of and by the Board of the Ministry will not be available for wholesale distribution and publication. As one petitioner argues, "If candidates know such information as is gained through inquiry and counsel must be revealed, upon demand, to hundreds of others, there will be a natural reluctance to share openly and honestly with the Board." There are certain matters of personal information which need the protection of individual privacy. There are occasions when the Board of the Ministry would not report privileged information which if revealed in the Executive Session would be an undue invasion of the privacy of the candidate without adding measurably to the conference's information about the candidate's qualifications for ministry. For example, a report by the Board that psychological examination reports have convinced the Board members that the candidate gives promise of emotional maturity should be sufficient. It is not necessary for test results nor medical reports to be specifically revealed in detail.

Having said this, we must face the crux of the question of confidentiality: does this apply only to the Board of the Ministry or also to the parent body, the Annual Conference in Executive Session.

Paragraph 663.5 states: "The Annual Conference shall make inquiry into the moral and official conduct of its ministerial membership."

Are we to conclude that the Discipline proposes that the confidentiality for candidates is confined to the Board of Ministry, while that for all other members, and for the candidate after he has become a member, may be extended to the conference membership in total?

It should be noted that all matters relating to ordination and conference relationship may be dealt with in the Executive Session of the Annual Conference. Paragraph 663.5 states:

> "The Annual Conference shall make inquiry into the moral and official conduct of its ministers . . . in open session . . . *provided* that the conference or the bishop may order an Executive Session of the ministerial members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character and conference relationships."

Judicial Council Decision 42, held this provision in the Discipline to be constitutional.

Disciplinary recognition of the importance of confidentiality in matters of personal privacy on the part of ministerial candidates clearly points to the importance of keeping such information within the ministerial family. The ruling in the instant case raises the question as to whether or not such information is the peculiar property of only a small portion of that membership, the Board of the Ministry. A principle of confidentiality must be respected and preserved by both the Board of the Ministry and the Annual Conference Executive Session.

It is important to understand that members of the conference must distinguish between matters relating to qualifications and areas that could prove an undue invasion of personal privacy. Certainly, it is reasonable to assume that a trust relationship is set up between candidate and Board of the Ministry members over the period of years in which the candidate is in preparation for conference membership. One could not assume such a trust relationship would attend the appearance of a candidate before two hundred ministerial members of an Annual Conference. Our procedures operate on the assumption that ministerial members will be judicious in their efforts to secure information that might represent an invasion of privacy not warranted by the basic information needed to qualify a candidate. Should a member trespass on this right, the presiding bishop could suggest that the matter, if requested by the candidate, could be immediately referred back to the Board of the Ministry with the inquiring conference member privileged to bring his inquiry within the more intimate bounds of the Board of the Ministry.

Any conference member with information concerning a potential candidate for the ministry which might well disqualify him or her for admission to the conference, is privileged, indeed obligated, to bring that question to the attention of the Board of the Ministry, and not wait until a recommendation arrives on the conference floor to raise his question.

The Annual Conference through its ministerial members has a right to know that the Board of the Ministry has found no weaknesses in a candidate that would hazard an effective ministry. Such a right would require that members be permitted to comment or question the Board of the Ministry when it brings its recommendations.

In contrast to the Bishop's ruling in this case, the Discipline suggests the circle of confidentiality extends to all

ministerial members in matters of ministerial relationship when it establishes ministry as a covenant relationship. Paragraph 331 states:

> "Members in full connection with an Annual Conference by virtue of their election and ordination are bound in special covenant with all the ordained ministers of the Annual Conference. In the keeping of this covenant they perform the ministerial duties and maintain the ministerial standards established by those in covenant. . . . Only those shall be elected to full membership who are of unquestionable moral character and genuine piety, sound in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and faithful in the discharge of their duties."

Should the Bishop's ruling stand, the long-practiced procedure in many conferences could be called into question. In many such conferences in the Executive Session when a candidate is presented for reception, he is excused from the room while opportunity for persons to say a personal word of recommendation is given. Does not such a procedure imply that negative comments could be made if a member so desired? What would happen in the case of a recommendation from the Board of the Ministry which did not include the name of a potential candidate who had been turned down by the Board? Does the Board simply say, "We do not recommend—", or does the Annual Conference have a legal right to some explanation?

If this ruling is allowed to stand, then what purpose is there in the Executive Session or indeed in any detailed report of recommendations from the Board of the Ministry? The Discipline clearly provides that all decisions as to the disposition of candidates for the ministry are in the hands of the Annual Conference. The Board of the Ministry can only make recommendations. It does not have the final decision. If that decision is to be an intelligent one, it requires not only faithfulness in performance of its duties by the Board of the Ministry, but also that the Annual Conference shall exercise the freedom to make its decision on the basis of the report of the Board and any further information considered necessary by the conference through questionings and comments by its members. Thus, with no non-ministerial members present, confidentiality is maintained within the fellowship of the ministerial members. Otherwise, the Annual Conference has given over to the Board of the Ministry the decision-making process in regard to ministerial candidates, which the Discipline has clearly delegated only to the Annual Conference and not to one of its amenable boards or agencies.

Furthermore, the Judicial Council spoke to this point at issue when in Decision No. 42 it stated: "The right to vote carries with it an inherent right to be present and to participate in the discussion leading up to such a vote."

In the judgment of this Council the assignment of investigating and information-gathering procedures to the Board of the Ministry for candidates applying for entrance into conference membership and orders, while normally sufficient for an intelligent vote by the Annual Conference, does not imply that no question can be raised on the floor of the conference following a recommendation by the Board. The fact that no questions have been raised does not permit a ruling that no questions may be raised.

Decision

It is the right of the Executive Session of an Annual Conference to have full information presented to it pertinent to the qualifications of any candidate for the ministry. Any principle of confidentiality in this regard must include not only the Board of the Ministry but also the Annual Conference Executive Session.

October 17, 1975
Theodore M. Berry was absent.

Decision No. 407

In Re: Petition from Cornelio M. Ferrer for a Reconsideration of Judicial Council Decision No. 392.

DIGEST

Cornelio M. Ferrer's retirement became effective at the close of the adjourned session of the Central Conference and he is therefore a retired bishop under the Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the Tenth Regular Session of the Philippines Central Conference, November 29 to December 3, 1972, no bishops were elected to succeed two incumbent bishops who had been elected for a term, the quadrennium 1968-1972. After the twenty-third ballot, the Conference voted: "That an adjourned session of the Philippines Central Conference be called in 1974" to complete the episcopal election and other unfinished matters.

At the Adjourned Session of the Philippines Central Conference, February 1-3, 1974, Paul Locke A. Granadosin was reelected on the twenty-fifth ballot. After fifty-eight ballots the Conference adjourned without electing a second bishop. On February 4, 1974, Bishop Paul Locke A. Granadosin addressed the Judicial Council thus:

"The College of Bishops of the Central Conference of the Philippines respectfully requests the Judicial Council to rule upon the following: 'Since 1960 the rule in the Philippines Central Conference has been that the retirement age shall be the same as that obtaining in the jurisdictioual conference.'

"At the adjourned session held February 1-3, 1974, Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer was not reelected. Bishop Ferrer reached the age of 65 on September 16, 1973. We should like to inquire whether in the light of the Central Conference specification that the retirement age shall be 'that obtaining in jurisdictional conferences,' Bishop Ferrer may be considered a retired bishop under Paragraph 396.3 and continue as a member of the Council of Bishops as provided for in 395.4."

The Council found in its Decision 392 that there had been no valid action to provide retirement under Paragraph 396.3 for Cornelio M. Ferrer and that, therefore, he returned to and continued his membership as a traveling elder in the Annual Conference of which he ceased to be a member when he was elected a bishop.

From that decision Bishop Ferrer moved for reconsideration and the Council agreed to reconsider at this session.

Additional information, not available in our earlier rulings, was provided by petitioner appellant as well as Mr. Justice Crisolito Pascual of the Committee on Episcopacy of the Philippines Central Conference and Bishop Paul Locke A. Granadosin.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council assumes jurisdiction under Paragraph 13 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Analysis

Because the records which were available to the Judicial Council when it made Decision No. 392 were incomplete and in some respects unclear, the Council agreed to reconsider that decision.

With a more complete record of the facts of the case we find that consideration of the retirement of Bishop Ferrer must begin with his request for retirement and the action of the Central Conference upon that request near the close of the regular session of the Central Conference on December 3, 1972.

At that time, failing of reelection and under the impression that his term would expire immediately, the Bishop asked for and the Central Conference voted to grant retirement under Paragraph 396.2 which effectively accomplished his retirement. The action of the Conference does not establish a date for the retirement but with the close of the 1972 Conference Session his position was generally understood to be that of a retired bishop. Bishop Ferrer himself and the Conference considered that he had been retired.

However, when the regular session failed to elect any Bishops, and the Central Conference voted to hold an

adjourned session in 1974 for the purpose of electing bishops, the Judicial Council ruled in Decision No. 370 that the terms of the bishops elected in 1968 did not expire until the close of the Adjourned Session. This decision which was not primarily concerned with the retirement of a bishop but rather with the date of the expiration of the term of office, was interpreted by the bishop and the Committee on Episcopacy of the Central Conference to have nullified the action taken on the retirement. Bishop Ferrer then again took up his work as bishop and continued to function in that office until the close of the Adjourned Session. The effect of Decision No. 370 was not to nullify the retirement action taken by the Conference but rather to postpone the date of its effectiveness until the close of the Adjourned Session in 1974. In the meantime both bishops elected in 1968 continued in office under the directive of Decision 370.

Because of the misinterpretation of the effect of Decision 370, both the Bishop and the Conference acted under the belief that retirement of Bishop Ferrer would not be effective without additional action. When the Adjourned Session was convened, the Conference proceeded to ballot for the election of bishops.

The Adjourned Session elected only one bishop, Paul Locke A. Granadosin. Before the close of this session, failing of reelection, Bishop Ferrer, who had attained the age of 65 on September 16, 1973, made request of the Committee on Episcopacy for retirement under Paragraph 396.3.

Since that time the Council has been advised by Bishop Paul Locke A. Granadosin, as follows:

> "During the 1974 adjourned session, after failing to be reelected, and before final adjournment, Bishop Ferrer appeared before the Committee on Episcopacy with the request for retirement since he had turned sixty-five earlier. The committee, on the basis that his request was presented after the episcopal election had already started and that up to the time of a declaration of a non-election, Bishop Ferrer had not garnered sufficient votes for an election, could not be granted the privilege to retire as a bishop. As a result, his request for retirement was not presented to the Conference."

The Council has been further advised by Mr. Justice Crisolito Pascual of the Court of Appeals of the Philippines who is the Chairman of the Committee on Episcopacy of the Philippines Central Conference, as follows:

> "In connection with the penultimate paragraph of your letter, I recall that the request of the Rev. Cornelio M.

Ferrer for retirement as bishop was considered off-the-record by common consent. After presenting his request for retirement under Paragraph 396.2 of the Discipline, the Rev. Cornelio M. Ferrer withdrew and the Committee discussed the matter extendedly. In the end, the Committee decided to maintain its action, reached at the meeting held on January 17, 1973, a few weeks after the close of the 1972 regular session, that Paragraph 396.2 (Watkins Legislation) is not applicable to Central Conferences and even if it were the Rev. Ferrer couldn't be retired under the said disciplinary provision because the condition *sine qua non* of the said disciplinary provision has not been met and that the Rev. Ferrer decided to remain in contention for the episcopal office up to the very last and final ballot in the adjourned session but failed of reelection."

The Committee on Episcopacy failed to consider this request and the matter of Bishop Ferrer's retirement was not again presented to the Conference.

On the basis of the fact that no action was taken on the matter of Bishop Ferrer's retirement by the 1974 session of the Central Conference, it has been assumed that the Bishop has not been retired. This is the assumption made by the Central Conference and its Committee on Episcopacy as well as in Decision 392 of the Judicial Council. This assumption is in error.

The retirement of Bishop Ferrer was requested and accomplished under the authority of Paragraph 396.2 of the *1970 Supplement of the 1968 Discipline.* The authority of the Philippines Central Conference to grant retirement and the title of a retired bishop is an authority granted by Paragraph 397.2, 1960 rule of the Philippines Central Conference, and Paragraph 395.4:

"Each Central Conference shall determine the rules for retirement of its bishops; provided that the age of retirement shall not exceed that fixed for bishops in the jurisdictions. In the event of retirement allowances being paid from the Episcopal Fund, these rules shall be subject to the approval of the General Conference." (Par. 397.2, *1972 Discipline*)

". . . the retirement age of the Bishops of the Philippines Central Conference of The Methodist Church shall be the same as that obtaining for Bishops in the Jurisdictional Conferences of The Methodist Church in the United States." (1960 rule of the Philippines Central Conference)

"An elder who has served as a bishop up to the time of retirement shall have the status of a retired bishop, including all bishops of former or existing Central Conferences." (Par. 395.4, *1972 Discipline*)

Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer was granted the retired bishop status by the retirement voted by the Philippines Central Conference on December 3, 1972 with the effective date of that retirement being February 3, 1974 when the term for which he had been elected expired.

Decision

Cornelio M. Ferrer's retirement became effective at the close of the adjourned session of the Central Conference and he is therefore a retired bishop under the Discipline of The United Methodist Church.
October 17, 1975
Theodore M. Berry was absent.

Concurring Opinion

I concur with my colleagues in this decision. I do so, however, with a deep awareness of earlier decisions of the Judicial Council on this same question of the retirement of Central Conference term bishops which seem to contradict this decision, and which sometimes have seemed to those involved in the episcopal relationships under question to have been unjust. My colleagues are disturbed in this decision by the fact that it seems to require a reinterpretation of two recent decisions on the question of the retirement of Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer, Decisions No. 370 and 392, and also an admission that, along with the Philippines Central Conference, the Judicial Council had made an assumption which was in error. Given the changing legislative and judicial background of this question about the retired status of Central Conference term bishops, it is small wonder that at times both petitions and decisions get involved in some confusion or ask and answer narrow questions which need to be tempered by larger perspectives.

In matters over which it has jurisdiction the Judicial Council is required to state what the law is at any given moment. The law of the Church may change, however, through constitutional amendments or legislation. I feel that some review of Judicial Council Decisions against the background of the changing law of the Church is necessary for the understanding and support of this decision.

The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church had hardly been born when, in Decision No. 4, in 1940, it started to deal with the question of the tenure of Central Conference

bishops. That decision upheld the constitutionality of the provision permitting Central Conferences to fix the tenure of their bishops, electing them for a term of years or for life. The argument of the decision stated emphatically that, though both were a part of our Episcopacy and of the Plan of our Itinerant General Superintendency, there were two kinds of bishops, those elected by Jurisdictional Conferences and those elected by Central Conferences. It based this conclusion on the greater limitations on the powers of Central Conference bishops in the law of the Church.

Such differences were whittled away, however, by constitutional changes and by General Conference legislation and by Judicial Council decisions. In Decision No. 53 in 1948 the Judicial Council affirmed the constitutionality of the General Conference action giving a Central Conference bishop membership in the Council of Bishops with restricted vote. Later the constitution and the legislation was changed and the voting restriction was removed and the Judicial Council, in Decision No. 164 in 1960, when the General Conference had sought to restrict the attendance of Central Conference bishops at meetings of the Council of Bishops to once in a quadrennium, decided that Central Conference bishops had full rights of membership and participation in the Council of Bishops and that their attendance could not be so restricted.

But while differences in power and privilege were being eliminated, some differences remained. The law of the Church required that Jurisdictional Conference bishops be elected for life and provided rules and procedures for their retirement, but permitted Central Conferences to determine the tenure of their bishops and the rules for their retirement. Against this background there was a basic distinction which became a recurring legal problem. It was not so much a distinction between bishops elected by Jurisdictional Conferences and bishops elected by Central Conferences, but a distinction between bishops elected for life by either Jurisdictional or Central Conferences and bishops elected for a term by Central Conferences. Again and again the Judicial Council had to answer questions concerning the status of a bishop whose term had ended. In its decisions the Judicial Council held that the law of the Church was clear, that a Central Conference had the right to elect its bishops for life but when it chose, instead, to elect them for a term, when that term was ended they were no longer bishops. A term was a perishable period of time.

Unless one understood the thrust of this interpretation of the law one could read some Judicial Council decisions wrongly.

For instance, in 1955 in Decision No. 117, the Judicial Council decided that a retired bishop of a Central Conference was authorized to attend meetings of the Council of Bishops with expenses paid. One might have assumed that Central Conference bishops who had completed their terms as well as those who had been elected for life and retired were included in this authorization. But it would have been a wrong assumption.

Or again, The Philippines Central Conference in 1960 adopted retirement rules for its bishops as follows—"That the retirement age of the Bishops of the Philippines Central Conference of The Methodist Church be the same as that obtaining for Bishops in the Jurisdictional Conferences of The Methodist Church in the United States of America." The Judicial Council in Decision No. 199 in 1963 ruled that this action of the Philippines Central Conference, adopting by reference the law of The Methodist Church governing the retirement of bishops elected by Jurisdictional Conferences, was in accordance with the law of the Church. The Decision went on to declare that Bishop D. D. Alejandro, who had been elected for a term and who had become 70 years of age, under the law for the retirement of Jurisdictional Conference bishops adopted by the Philippines Central Conference, would be retired at the next session of the Central Conference. One might have concluded that D. D. Alejandro would then be a retired bishop of the Central Conference. But it would have been a wrong conclusion. A Central Conference might use by adoption Jurisdictional Conference retirement rules to end the terms of its term bishops but it could not make them retired bishops when their terms were ended.

The strong reiteration of its interpretation of the law of the Church in Decision No. 236 in 1966 must have been a great disappointment to those who had wrongly interpreted Judicial Council Decision No. 199. Again, the question concerned D. D. Alejandro whose term of office ended at the time of compulsory retirement. Again the Judicial Council put its consistent opinion on this question in clear language—

> "The essence of 'term episcopacy' is that on completion of that term of office the encumbent ceases to occupy that office. A bishop, even though he reaches the age of compulsory retirement concurrently with the completion of the term of office, ceases to be a bishop and returns to the status of a member of the Annual Conference."

In 1968, in an attempt to alleviate what was felt by many to be an injustice to certain Central Conference term

bishops in the law of the Church as interpreted by the Judicial Council, a new provision was written into the Discipline by action of the General Conference. This provision was amended in 1970 and now reads—

> "An elder who has served as a bishop up to the time of retirement shall have the status of a retired bishop, including all bishops of former or existing Central Conferences." (Par. 395.4, *1972 Discipline*)

In Decisions No. 303, 347 and 361 the Judicial Council held that this new provision could not be applied retroactively beyond 1968, but that it could and did apply prospectively. Its effect is to eliminate many of the remaining distinctions between life tenure and term bishops, particularly in regard to retirement status. While a term bishop whose term ends short of retirement still ceases to be a bishop, a term bishop whose term ends at the age of compulsory retirement or at an earlier age when by the rules of the Central Conference he is retired has a continuing status as a retired bishop in the Church.

Whether or not this was the intention of the legislation in Paragraph 395.4, this is its effect, and this is the basic change in the law of the Church which supports this decision.

RALPH M. HOUSTON

Decision No. 408

In Re: Request by the Council of Bishops for a Declaratory Decision to Determine Whether Paragraph 21 of the Constitution will Remain in Force for the General Conference of 1980.

DIGEST

Paragraph 21 of the Constitution of The United Methodist Church does not apply to the membership of the 1980 General or Jurisdictional Conferences. Neither does it apply to qualifications for members of boards and agencies of the Church selected for terms of office whose period of service is primarily within the 1981-84 quadrennium.

The constitutional paragraph and all paragraphs of the Discipline implementing its provisions will be eliminated from the *1980 Discipline*.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Council of Bishops at its meeting in New Orleans, November 10-14, 1975 voted to ask the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision on the question:

"Does Paragraph 21 of the Constitution of The United Methodist Church remain in force through the General Conference of 1980 and if it does, does it require the continued application of the double representation formula as set forth in Paragraph 21 and interpreted by the Judicial Council in Decisions 333, 356, and 388?"

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.2b of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The Council of Bishops, in explanation of its reason for seeking the ruling, has properly pointed out that there might be more than one possible interpretation regarding the exact time when Paragraph 21, by its own statement, becomes of no effect. The paragraph, which is within the restrictive rules of the Constitution, states, "At the termination of the first three quadrenniums following union, this Article VII shall be automatically deleted from the Constitution."

The question at issue is, at what point in time do "the first three quadrenniums following union" end. "Quadrenniums" may begin and end at different times for different purposes. For example the practice in both former churches was that a new "quadrennium" began with the conclusion of a General Conference. But there was an exception for the fiscal "quadrennium." In the former Evangelical United Brethren Church the fiscal year was the calendar year. The General Conference was held in the fall and fiscally a new "quadrennium" began on January 1, next after the close of the General Conference.

It was decided by the 1968 General Conference that the fiscal quadrennium of The United Methodist Church should begin on January 1 next following the regular meeting of the General Conference. An interim budget for the new church was set up for the period from the General Conference of 1968 to December 31 of that year.

However, for other purposes the new "quadrennium" began with the close of the 1968 General Conference (Paragraph 1427, *1968 Discipline*). This was changed by legislation of the 1972 General Conference. Paragraph 1291 of the *1972 Discipline* states:

> "Unless otherwise specified in the Discipline for a specific purpose, the term 'quadrennium' shall be deemed to be the four year period beginning January 1 following the adjournment of the regular session of the General Conference."

Paragraph 821 of the *1972 Discipline* also fixes a like specific time for the beginning and ending of the fiscal quadrennium—January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1976.

But these dates, fixed after the adoption of constitutional Paragraph 21, do not apply to that paragraph. Items related to provisions of that paragraph cannot be changed by the General Conference since Paragraph 21 is within the restrictive rules of the Constitution of the Church.

In order to determine the time for the termination of the functioning of Paragraph 21 we must give attention to the specific purpose of the creation and inclusion of the paragraph in the Constitution of the Church. It has one and only one purpose. That is stated succinctly and with clarity in the paragraph itself. "In order that The Evangelical United Brethren shall be assured of effective representation in The United Methodist Church it is agreed that . . . during the first three quadrenniums following union . . ."

Paragraph 21 was part of the proposed Constitution of The United Methodist Church set forth in the Plan and Basis of Union. This Constitution was approved by the 1966 session of the General Conference of The Methodist Church and the 1966 special session of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Following that the necessary legislative steps for its adoption (approved by a two-thirds aggregate majority voted by the Annual Conferences of both of the uniting churches) were carried out prior to the convening of the Uniting Conference in 1968. The delegates for the 1968 General Conferences, which included the closing conferences of each of the two former churches, the Uniting Conference, and the first General Conference of The United Methodist Church, were elected so that they met the requirements of Paragraph 21 of the Constitution.[1]

Thus for the purpose of the fulfillment of the provisions of Paragraph 21, the first quadrennium of The United Methodist Church began with the declaration of union and the coming into being of The United Methodist Church. The delegates from the former Evangelical United Brethren Church, elected to fulfill requirements of the paragraph, were seated in the first General Conference of The United Methodist Church, May 4, 1968. The principal business of this Conference was ratification of all acts of the Uniting Conference.

The delegates to this conference served the church through the ensuing four year period. Included in that

[1] See Daily Christian Advocate, 1968 General Conference, Dallas: Vol. I, pages 57 and 625.

service was membership in their respective Jurisdictional Conferences and in the 1970 special session of the General Conference. Persons selected for service on the various boards and agencies of the church also began their service immediately following union and continued to serve through the next four years. Thus the requirements of Paragraph 21 were met for the first quadrennium following union.

In a similar manner delegates elected for the 1972 General and Jurisdictional Conferences met the requirements of Paragraph 21 for the second quadrennium following union. The delegates elected for the 1976 General and Jurisdictional Conferences will fulfill the requirements of the paragraph for the third quadrennium following union. This will complete the requirements of the provisions of Paragraph 21 for special representation from among members of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. The same reasoning applies to membership on boards and agencies.

Delegates for the 1980 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conferences will be elected within the calendar year 1979. They will not function as delegates at their respective conferences until 1980. Therefore, we hold that the double representation formula required by Paragraph 21 will not apply to their election. (If a special session of any of these conferences should be convened at any time prior to the meeting of its regular 1980 session the delegates to such special session would be the delegates elected for the 1976 regular session. If any Annual Conference should exercise its option to elect new delegates to such special session, such election would be bound by the requirements of Paragraph 21.)

The delegates for the regular sessions of the 1980 General and Jurisdictional Conferences, since they legislate for the future, 1981 and beyond, and since their period of service continues until the regular sessions of their conferences in 1984, are delegates for the fourth quadrennium following union and therefore are not subject to the requirements of Paragraph 21. The fact that they are actually elected while Paragraph 21 continues in effect is not relevant since they will not function before its requirements will have been fulfilled.

Paragraph 21 of the Constitution, although it will be part of the 1976 edition of the Discipline, does not apply to the qualifications of delegates to the 1980 General or Jurisdictional Conferences. Neither do its provisions apply to persons selected for positions on boards and agencies of the church to serve during any or all of the quadrennium which will begin officially on January 1, 1981. Paragraph

21 and all of the paragraphs implementing its provisions should be eliminated from the *1980 Discipline.*

Decision

Paragraph 21 of the Constitution of The United Methodist Church does not apply to the membership of the 1980 General or Jurisdictional Conferences. Neither does it apply to qualifications for members of boards and agencies of the Church selected for terms of office whose period of service is primarily within the 1981-84 quadrennium.

This constitutional paragraph and all paragraphs of the Discipline implementing its provisions will be eliminated from the *1980 Discipline.*

April 24, 1976

Decision No. 409

In Re: Petition from the General Board of Global Ministries for a Declaratory Decision on the Validity of Paragraph 665.1 of the *1972 Discipline.*

DIGEST

Paragraph 665.1 of the Discipline is unconstitutional because it purports to delegate to the Annual Conference blanket authority with regard to whether or not the Annual Conference will comply with specific, non-optional mandates of the Discipline.

Paragraph 665.1 of the Discipline is unconstitutional also because it requires the approval of the Council on Ministries of the Annual Conference to determine that the essential functions required by the Discipline are cared for.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Board of Global Ministries, creation of the 1972 General Conference, became the successor agency to several commissions, divisions and boards.

The Board of Global Ministries on October 24, 1975, requested a "declaratory judgment from the Judicial Council on the validity of Paragraph 665.1 of the *1972 Book of Discipline.*" The following statements were contained in correspondence from the Board:

> "During the past three years the General Board of Global Ministries has been working on legislation which has now been forwarded to the General Conference. Through the legislative process the Board debated how in light of the experience of the present quadrennium it would be possible to carry forth its disciplinary mandates related to the outreach ministries of the Church without a clearer interpretation of Paragraph 665.1. The *1972 Book of Discipline* spells out certain linkages that the Board is to develop (Example: Paragraphs 1101, 1178.2, 1186) with the Annual and District Conferences. Yet the Discipline makes clear in Paragraph 665.1 that the Annual Conferences have the right to decide what the relationships shall be in a connectional church."

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"A second concern for the Board of Global Ministries is the maintaining of linkages in all of the Annual Conferences, and there is fear that these linkages might not be preserved if Paragraph 665.1 remains valid. Also the consistency of the linkage patterns would be broken."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515.2c of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

In October, 1969, the Judicial Council in Decision No. 314 declared that:

"An Annual Conference may not restructure itself in such a manner that it disregards the mandatory structure established by the General Conference and described specifically in the Discipline."

In 1970 the General Conference adopted a modifying paragraph to Paragraph 665.1 of the Discipline which read:

"Where size, circumstance, and specific mission responsibilities demand, an Annual Conference may, in consultation with and approval by the presiding bishop, modify the organizational structure as ordered by the General Conference; *provided* that adequate provisions shall be made in such an organizational plan for relating the Annual Conference structures to appropriate jurisdictional and general church agencies and structures, and *provided* further, that the essential functions as required by the Discipline shall be cared for."

The Judicial Council Decision 339 in 1971 declared this paragraph unconstitutional as an impermissible delegation of legislative powers.

The General Conference of 1972 amended Paragraph 665.1 and it now reads:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of the Discipline requiring an Annual Conference to constitute any board, commission, or committee, the Annual Conference may modify its structure and rather than establishing such board, commission or committee, may assign its duties to other organizations of the conference, provided adequate provision is made as determined by a two-thirds vote of the Council on Ministries of the Annual Conference and the written consent of the presiding bishop and Cabinet so that the essential functions required by the Discipline are cared for."

The petition before the Judicial Council at this time is to determine whether Paragraph 665.1 of the Discipline as revised in 1972 has eliminated the factors which made the previous paragraph unconstitutional.

This has not been done. It is true that the phrase "notwithstanding any other provision . . ." would eliminate doubts as to whether the Annual Conference qualified by ". . . size, circumstance and specific mission responsibilities . . ." to determine what they will do regarding establishment of Annual Conference boards. It raises, however, an equally complex problem: What happens to the distinction the General Conference intended between those paragraphs in which it is stated the Annual Conference "may" establish a counterpart agency and those paragraphs in which it states an Annual Conference "shall" establish a counterpart agency.

In Decision No. 339, the Judicial Council declared:

> "If each Annual Conference is free to decide for itself, without guidelines or controlling standards from any other source regarding any of the restrictive elements listed, the total connectional system of the church will be undercut at the Annual Conference level, not promoted and administered as the Constitution contemplates. The General Conference may not so delegate its constitutional responsibilities."

We reaffirm this statement. The new Paragraph 665.1 of the *1972 Discipline* gives the Annual Conference even wider freedom to modify the mandatory structures ordered by the General Conference "notwithstanding any other provision of the Discipline."

One must assume that there are reasons behind General Conference actions when some Annual Conference structures are made mandatory and others permissive. To make some provisions concerning Annual Conference structures mandatory and then add a paragraph which allows Annual Conferences to ignore them is not only questionable legislation, it is an impermissible delegation of legislative powers by the General Conference and an abdication of its constitutional responsibilities. Under Paragraph 15.3 and 15.8 of the Constitution, the General Conference has full legislative powers over all matters distinctly connectional, among which are specifically the power to define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences and the power to initiate and direct all connectional enterprises of the Church.

Some argue for greater freedom for an Annual Confer-

ence to determine its own structure. Others feel that by deleting the mandatory clauses in the provisions which determine Annual Conference structures the Church is departing from its heritage and is endangering the important relationships through which connectionalism works. These decisions, however, must be made by the General Conference as it balances permissive and mandatory provisions concerning Annual Conference structures. It cannot make some provisions mandatory and then empower Annual Conferences to ignore them.

We would further point out that the provision of Paragraph 665.1 requiring approval of the Council on Ministries of an Annual Conference action is clearly unconstitutional. The Council on Ministries of an Annual Conference is a subordinate body of the Annual Conference. The Annual Conference cannot be required to seek permission of a subordinate body in order to take action. To this further extent Paragraph 665.1 is unconstitutional.

In Decision No. 364 the Judicial Council held that Paragraph 827.1 and 827.2 was an unconstitutional delegation of power as to the General Council on Ministries and the General Conference. The same rule applies to the authority of an Annual Conference Council on Ministries in relation to an Annual Conference. (Decisions 105, 364, 385)

Decision

Paragraph 665.1 of the Discipline is unconstitutional because it purports to delegate to the Annual Conference blanket authority with regard to whether or not the Annual Conference will comply with specific, non-optional mandates of the Discipline.

Paragraph 665.1 of the Discipline is unconstitutional also because it requires approval of the Council on Ministries of the Annual Conference to determine that the essential functions required by the Discipline are cared for.

April 24, 1976

Memorandum No. 410

In Re: Request by the College of Bishops of the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia for a Reconsideration of Decision No. 350 and Memoranda Nos. 355, 369 and 374.

After many years of active leadership in negotiations for church union, the Central Conference of the Methodist

Church in Southern Asia petitioned the General Conference of 1968 for an enabling act authorizing it to consummate union under the fourth edition of the Plan of Union with other churches in North India and Pakistan. The General Conference granted the enabling legislation under the provisions which the Methodist Church in Southern Asia had requested, namely, that there be a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Central Conference followed by a two-thirds aggregate vote of the Annual Conferences.

The 1968-69 session of the Central Conference voted to commend the Plan to its Annual Conferences for their "yes" or "no" votes. The vote of the Central Conference was 122-5. The Annual Conferences then voted approval of the Plan by an aggregate vote of 662-298, 22 more than the required two-thirds majority. The Executive Board of the Central Conference then announced that the necessary votes had been taken and that the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia had "made its irrevocable decision to enter the union."

The 1968-69 session of the Central Conference had voted to call a special session of the Conference, in the event the required two-thirds vote was obtained, "to do the business necessary for a smooth transition into the Church of North India."

That special session met in 1970 and added to its agenda a vote on the Plan of Union under the arguments of some that the earlier session of the conference had merely "commended" the Plan to the Annual Conferences for their votes but had not adopted the Plan. This time the vote in the Central Conference was 108 to 48 against the Plan. Following this vote, the Central Conference dropped out of the Plan of Union while the other six churches in the Plan moved ahead to form the Church of North India. The newly formed Church invited the Methodist Church in Southern Asia to renew negotiations so that it might still join the new Church under the Fourth Plan.

An appeal was taken to the Judicial Council by the requisite one-fifth of the members of the Central Conference raising the question of the legality of the vote against union in the special session.

In Decision No. 338 the Judicial Council ruled that there was no constitutional limitation on the right of a special session of the Central Conference to vote on the Plan of Union, but noted that there might well be a question on the validity of such a vote in the 1970 special session in view of the Central Conference's earlier action commending the Plan to the Annual Conferences for their "yes" or "no" vote and the consequent ratification of the

Plan by the Annual Conferences. The Judicial Council referred this latter question to the Judicial Court of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia for a declaratory decision, meanwhile retaining jurisdiction in the matter.

The Judicial Court, noting that six of its nine members were also members of the Executive Board of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia properly felt that it should render no decision on the question and returned the matter to the Judicial Council.

When the Judicial Council took up the matter again in Decision No. 350 in 1972, it noted that the enabling act, requested by the Methodist Church in Southern Asia and granted by the General Conference called for a two-thirds favorable vote in the Central Conference followed by a two-thirds affirmative aggregate vote in the Annual Conferences. The Council declared that a vote on the matter in the Central Conference following the vote in the Annual Conferences did not conform to the order of voting authorized by the enabling act and that, therefore, the negative vote on the Plan of Union in the 1970 special session of the Central Conference was invalid. The Council decided that the vote of the 1968-69 session of the Central Conference commending the Plan to the Annual Conferences for their "yes" or "no" vote was a vote approving the Plan, and that, when the aggregate vote of the Annual Conferences was also affirmative, both votes exceeding the required two-thirds majority, all the required votes for union under the Fourth Plan had been completed.

The Council took notice of the fact that the other six churches had now formed the new Church of North India and that, therefore, some adjustments might have to be made within the framework of the Fourth Plan. The Council felt that union under the Fourth Plan was still a negotiable possibility and called attention to the fact that the Methodist Church in Southern Asia was still under the authorization of the General Conference action and now under the mandate of its own vote to consummate union.

The Methodist Church in Southern Asia then renewed negotiation with the Church of North India. Periodic consultations between the two were held. Obviously there were now more difficulties in the situation. Some two years had gone by since the Methodist Church in Southern Asia had dropped out of the Plan of Union after the negative vote of the Central Conference, now declared invalid. Negotiations were with one church instead of six.

In Memoranda Numbers 355, 369 and 374 the Judicial Council answered questions concerning problems which arose out of the planning for and participation in the con-

sultations. The Council warned that any adjustments would have to be within the framework of the Fourth Plan, that the Plan itself could not be revised. These memoranda also reminded the Methodist Church in Southern Asia that it was under the mandate of its own vote to consummate union.

It became evident that the consultations were not making progress toward union. Many problems were obviously very difficult to solve. Whatever the reasons, the time came when union under the Fourth Plan seemed no longer possible.

A special session of the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia was called to meet in January, 1976. An "Historical Statement from 1968 to date in Regard to Church Union" was adopted by the Executive Board of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia and published in the *India Witness* for distribution to the delegates of this special session. While we are greatly disturbed by the statement's inaccurate reporting of Judicial Council decisions and of the action taken by the General Conference in the enabling act, it did portray the failure of attempts to consummate union. The special session of the Central Conference voted to rescind all its previous votes in favor of church union under the Fourth Plan and sent a similar resolution down to the Annual Conferences which also voted to rescind all previous actions on union. The Central Conference vote was 136 to 0. The aggregate vote of the Annual Conferences was 770 to 22 with 10 abstentions. Since the rescinding voting procedure followed the order of voting in the enabling act authorizing union, it is the opinion of the Judicial Council that this was a valid vote.

The College of Bishops of the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia has requested the Judicial Council to reconsider its Decision No. 350 and its Memoranda Numbers 355, 369 and 374. The Judicial Council declines reconsideration because it reaffirms the correctness of this decision and these memoranda.

We do take notice, however, of two factors which now change the judicial situation—1, the failure to consummate union under the Fourth Plan, and—2, the rescinding vote of the Central Conference followed by the rescinding aggregate vote of the Annual Conferences.

It is the ruling of the Judicial Council that the Methodist Church in Southern Asia returns to the status it had prior to the enabling act of 1968 and its vote for union in 1968-69, namely, as a Central Conference in The United Methodist Church.

April 29, 1976

Memorandum No. 411

In Re: Request of General Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to the Constitutionality of Calendar Item No. 251, Paragraph 705.1.

Paragraph 705.1 states:

"The Annual Conference shall determine the desirability of Conference Boards of Church and Society, Discipleship, Higher Education and Ministry, and Global Ministries with appropriate divisions to have liaison with and responsibility for the functions and concerns of the divisions of all of the respective general boards. If a conference should determine not to create any one of the boards or divisions thereof, it shall specifically assign the liaison functions and responsibilities of each such board or division to another agency in the conference. (See Paragraphs 1201 ff, 1301 ff, 1501 ff and 1601 ff)

The Judicial Council is unable to bring a decision until legislation has been completed by the 1976 General Conference. Therefore we issue this memorandum for advisory purposes in an attempt to clarify the constitutional question concerning Paragraph 705.1 at this moment in the midst of continuing General Conference legislation.

The Constitution clearly provides that the principle of connectionalism should be always primary in any organizational structure of The United Methodist Church. Article IV, Paragraph 15 of the Constitution reads:

"The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of this power shall have authority as follows:

* * *

"3. To define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences, Provisional Annual Conferences, Missionary Conferences and Missions, and of Central Conferences, District Conferences, Charge Conferences, and Congregational Meetings.

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"8. To initiate and to direct all connectional enterprises of the Church and to provide boards for their promotion and administration."

In Decision 339 the Judicial Council warned against the undercutting of the connectional system at the Annual Conference level, where mandated connectional programs are not promoted, administered and channeled as the General Conference orders.

There is apparently in the Church a movement toward freedom in Annual Conference srtuctures. The General Conference has the authority to grant a reasonable amount of flexibility in such structures.

We would remind the General Conference, however, about its constitutional mandate to use its authority to maintain the working relationships of a connectional church. When the General Conference initiates connectional enterprises and provides boards for their promotion and administration, the functioning of such boards must reach to every level in the life of the Church, from the General Board to the Charge Conference. If the General Conference legislation concerning Annual Conference structures is either so confusing or so permissive that the liaison functions do not reach through the Annual Conference to District and local church levels, the General Conference has not properly exercised its constitutional mandate.

In the specific question before us the Judicial Council is of the opinion that Paragraph 705.1 as written in Calendar Item 251 is constitutional as it stands alone without reference to other legislation proposed concerning the conference boards referred to in Paragraph 705.1.

The Judicial Council has dealt with the issue of Annual Conference structures in Decisions 314 and 339. In these we said that the Annual Conference may not disregard the mandatory structure of organization as legislated by the General Conference. Again in Decision 409 (DCA, p. 197) we reaffirmed the position of the Judicial Council on this particular issue of constitutionality. We held in 409 that it is an impermissible delegation of power by the General Conference to "make some provisions mandatory and then empower an Annual Conference to ignore them."

It is certainly the right of the General Conference to designate any board or agency of an Annual Conference as mandatory. Should the General Conference exercise this legislative power "over all matters distinctively connectional," and pass legislation making mandatory any of the boards named in Paragrph 705.1, then the permissive option of Pragraph 705.1 would become unconstitutional.

The Judicial Council retains jurisdiction over this petition.

May 5, 1976

Decision No. 412

In Re: Ruling of Bishop James M. Ault in the Wyoming Annual Conference on the Validity of an

Action by a District Committee on the Ministry Dealing with a Request for the Renewal of a License to Preach

DIGEST

The action of the Scranton District Committee on the Ministry, Wyoming Annual Conference, was within the discretionary powers stated in Paragraph 320 of the Discipline and, therefore, was not discriminatory.

The ruling of Bishop James M. Ault is affirmed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the session of the Wyoming Annual Conference in Scranton, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1975 a request to Bishop James M. Ault was made in writing for a ruling "on the action of the Scanton District Committee on the Ministry of 25 Feb., 1974, pertaining to the academic requirement or requirement of the Master of Divinity degree for the granting of the license to preach for Mr. Robert Lee Cooper to determine if this ruling of the Scranton District Committee was discriminatory and in violation of the Discipline."

Bishop James M. Ault, resident bishop of the Philadelphia Area, ruled:

> "The Scranton District Committee on the Ministry did not act in a discriminatory manner with respect to the request of Robert Lee Cooper that his license to preach be renewed.
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> "The Book of Discipline (1972) in Paragraph 320.3 grants 'discretion' to a District Committee on the Ministry regarding the reinstatement of a license to preach and the Scranton District Committee was so guided in setting the educational requirement."

On January 29, 1976, Bishop James M. Ault submitted to the Judicial Council a report of a decision of law. Briefs have been received from the Scranton District Committee on the Ministry, Bishop James M. Ault and Robert Lee Cooper. Material also was received from the Board of the Ministry of the Wyoming Annual Conference. Hearings were held in Portland, Oregon attended by Mr. Cooper, Bishop Ault, and Rev. Robert E. Germond, Chairman of the Wyoming Conference Board of the Ministry.

Mr. Cooper received his B.S. degree from Union College in 1971. From the fall of 1969 through April 8, 1975, Mr. Cooper attended Drew University. He was certified on April 2, 1975 as completing the academic requirements for the Master of Divinity degree, and was graduated on May 24, 1975.

Robert Lee Cooper held a license to preach from 1966 to June 1972, when he was voted a probationary member of the Wyoming Annual Conference and ordained Deacon. One year later, June 1973, the Wyoming Annual Conference, on recommendation of the Board of the Ministry, discontinued his probationary membership and instructed Mr. Cooper to surrender his credentials to the Scranton District Superintendent. Mr. Cooper's discontinued probationary relationship caused his license to preach to lapse.

Seeking reinstatement of a license to preach, Mr. Cooper was recommended for license to preach by the Charge Conference of the Dunmore United Methodist Church on January 31, 1974. On February 2, 1974 he appeared before the Scranton District Committee on the Ministry, requesting a license to preach. The District Committee on the Ministry meeting February 25, 1974, voted that, on comple-

tion of the Master of Divinity program at Drew University School of Theology, the license to preach be renewed for Mr. Cooper. On April 24, 1975 the Scranton District Committee on the Ministry having received this certification from Drew University issued a license to preach to Mr. Robert Lee Cooper.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1512 of the Discipline.

Analysis

Mr. Cooper's request for a license to preach was in fact a request for the reinstatement of a lapsed license. With his discontinuance as a probationary member of the Wyoming Annual Conference, Mr. Cooper was returned to the status of a lay person.

At this point there were two ways whereby Mr. Cooper might enter once again the road toward "ordained ministry and Conference Membership": Paragraph 373 "Readmission to Probationary Membership" and Paragraph 320 "Renewal of License to Preach."

Mr. Cooper elected to make a request to the Scranton District Committee on the Ministry for a renewal of a license to preach. The Committee, using its discretionary power, requested Mr. Cooper to complete the requirements for the Master of Divinity degree.

Does a District Committee on the Ministry have the Disciplinary power to make such discretionary judgment?

Paragraph 320.3 states:

> "When a license to preach has lapsed, it may be reinstated *only at the discretion of the District Committee on the Ministry,* or the Board of the Ministry, when the candidate has completed satisfactorily the current studies for license to preach." (emphasis added)

Certainly, a District Committee on the Ministry has no authority to require for a license to preach educational qualifications other than those authorized by the Discipline. In the instant case Mr. Cooper had met the educational requirements.

However, a District Committee on the Ministry is required by the Discipline to weigh other factors in making its decision for the reinstatement of a lapsed license to preach.

The action of the Scranton District Committee on the Ministry was a discretionary judgment in keeping with the power given to the committee.

Decision

The action of the Scranton District Committee on the Ministry, Wyoming Annual Conference, was within the discretionary powers stated in Paragraph 320 of the Discipline, and, therefore, was not discriminatory.

The ruling of Bishop James M. Ault is affirmed.

May 5, 1976

Dissenting Opinion

The Judicial Council is required to "pass upon and affirm, modify or reverse" decisions of law made by bishops. (Discipline Paragraphs 61.3 and 1512) To the extent that such decision is affirmed by the Judicial Council, it becomes the law of the Church. Discipline Paragraph 1512.

The basic question of law raised by the episcopal decision at hand is: what are the rights of a minister whose probationary membership has been discontinued under authority of Discipline Paragraph 369?

I dissent from the majority opinion for the reason that affirming the bishop's decision is too narrow a declaration of law to protect the rights of a probationary member of an Annual Conference. I believe the applicable law required the Judicial Council to reverse or modify the bishop's decision in this instance.

The first formal step toward the ministry is to qualify for a license to preach, which required the candidate to meet nine specific conditions (Paragraph 318) and examination by a district Committee on the Ministry or (Conference) Board of the Ministry (Paragraph 319). Having met these conditions and a license is issued, such license to preach is valid for one year and may be renewed by the district Committee on the Ministry or Board of the Ministry on recommendation of the Charge Conference and "on evidence that the candidate's gifts, graces and fruits continue to be satisfactory" and the candidate is making satisfactory progress. Paragraphs 320 and 665.19.

The provisions of Paragraphs 318, 320 and 665.19 clearly give concurrent jurisdiction to the district Committee on the Ministry and (Conference) Board of the Ministry to qualify and license persons to preach prior to their qualifying for Annual Conference relation as Lay Pastor, Associate Member, Probationary Member or ministers in full connection. Paragraph 665.20 provides that the district Committee on the Ministry "shall recommend to the Board of the Ministry of the Annual Conference suitable candidates for acceptance or continuance as lay pastors, *for con-*

ference membership and for restoration of credentials." (emphasis added)

At the point that the district Committee on the Ministry recommends to the Board of the Ministry, its jurisdiction is advisory and administrative, and is not authoritative as in granting a license to preach under Paragraphs 318 and 320.

When a district Committee on the Ministry recommends a candidate for conference membership, as in the case of probationary member, to the Board of the Ministry the *Annual Conference obtains jurisdiction over such probationary members,*" and "*continuance shall be equivalent to the renewal of their license to preach.*" Paragraph 325 (emphasis added) See also Paragraphs 665.8; 665.10 and 665.11.

In the instant case, the person was licensed to preach in 1966, having met the conditions and requirements of Paragraph 306 (*1964 Discipline*), and the license was renewed annually until 1972 when he was elected by the Annual Conference to probationary membership on recommendation of the district Committee on the Ministry and (Conference) Board of the Ministry. Continuation as probationary member was subject to the investigation and judgment of the Board of the Ministry as to extension of time for completing ministerial studies. Paragraph 329. The Board of the Ministry did not extend time to complete his studies, but instead, after one year, recommended discontinuance of probationary membership as authorized in Paragraph 369 and the Annual Conference voted such discontinuance and ordered surrender of his license and deacon orders.

The person affected by this action remained under the jurisdiction of the Annual Conference and Board of the Ministry and was entitled to the provisions and procedures of Paragraph 373 for re-admission to probationary membership and restoration of credentials.

We strongly disagree that discontinuance of probationary membership lapsed his license, thrusting him back to renewal procedures under Paragraph 320 and subject to the discretionary authority of the district Committee on the Ministry. Rather we contend that by discontinuing probationary membership his license to preach and ministerial credentials were lifted and held in suspense, subject to his request for readmission, the required review, recommendations and action on reinstatement and restoration of his credentials as provided in Paragraph 373.

We hold the view that the district Committee on the Ministry and Bishop erred in treating the request for license

to preach as a renewal of license bringing his request under the jurisdiction of the Committee under Paragraph 320. Rather the mandate of Paragraph 665.20 should have been followed and the request for license treated as a request for recommendation for restoration of credentials. The function and role of the district Committee on the Ministry was to make advisory recommendation to the Board of the Ministry, and not to exercise its discretionary authority under Paragraph 320.3.

To the extent that subsequent to the Bishop's decision the applicant has now completed the academic work imposed by the district Committee on the Ministry and has been granted a license to preach, the Board of the Ministry in justice should treat this as partial review as required by Paragraph 373 preliminary to recommendation and vote by the Annual Conference of reinstatement to probationary membership.

In Decision 405 the Judicial Council held the Board of the Ministry is required to make recommendations, positive or negative, in matters of ministerial classification; and that failing to make such recommendations, the Annual Conference has the right to take action.

May 6, 1976

THEODORE M. BERRY

Decision No. 413

In Re: Request of the General Conference for a Declaratory Decision as to the Constitutionality of Legislation Fixing a Retirement Age for Bishops which is Different from the Retirement Age Fixed for Other Ordained Elders of the Church.

DIGEST

The Constitution of The United Methodist Church places upon the General Conference the specific responsibility for fixing the rules which govern the retirement of bishops. It makes no requirement that such rules be the same as those governing the retirement of other ordained ministers.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The 1976 session of the General Conference passed legislation (Sec. 3, Paragraph 507.1; page 470, DCA) which reads:

> "Mandatory Retirement—A bishop shall be retired on August 31 next, following the regular session of the Jurisdictional Conference if the bishop has reached his/her sixty-sixth birthday prior to the first day of the month in which the Jurisdictional Conference is

held. This shall be effective with the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1980."

Following the passage of this legislation (Reverend) H. Eugene Peacock made a motion as follows:

"I move that the General Conference request the Judicial Council to render a declaratory judgment on the constitutionality of legislation which places the retirement of bishops on a different age scale than other ordained ministerial members."

The motion was passed by the General Conference and referred to this Council.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has Jurisdiction under Paragraph 1515 of the *1972 Discipline.*

Analysis

The question raised by this request for a decision has been ruled upon by the Judicial Council on previous occasions. See Decision Numbers 7, 35, 83, 114 and 312.

The Constitution of The United Methodist Church speaks directly to the question referred to the Judicial Council in this request for a declaratory decision. Paragraph 15, Article IV, after stating that "The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional" then itemizes a number of powers which are specifically included. Among the items listed are:

"5. To define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the episcopacy, to adopt a plan for the support of the bishops, to provide a uniform rule for their retirement, and to provide for the discontinuance of a bishop because of inefficiency or unacceptability."

This paragraph clearly grants to the General Conference the authority to make rules and regulations for the retirement of bishops.

It has been argued that to make rules for the retirement of bishops different from those rules which apply to other elders of the church establishes a separate "order" of the ministry; that such legislation takes the bishop out of the "order" of elder and places the bishop in a "class" or "order" separate or apart from other ministers. We find no merit in this argument.

The membership of a bishop resides in the Jurisdictional College of Bishops and in the Council of Bishops. This makes him responsible to the Jurisdictional Conference and places him under the authority of the General Conference.

When The United Methodist Church ordains a person as an elder, it confers upon that person the highest rank or order of ministry which exists within the church. No person is *ordained* a bishop. A bishop is *consecrated* for the specific duties, responsibilities and services which are required by the functions of the office. He remains an elder in the church.

Because of the fact that the functions and responsibilities of the episcopal office differ from those of other ministerial services, the General Conference has, from time to time, passed legislation which applies only to the episcopal office. Some of this legislation relates to retirement age.

Paragraph 15.5 gives the General Conference full and specific authority to determine the rules, regulations and requirements for the retirement of those persons who occupy the office of bishop, without reference in any way to legislation which applies to "other ordained ministerial members."

Decision

The Constitution of The United Methodist Church places upon the General Conference the specific responsibility for fixing the rules which govern the retirement of bishops. It makes no requirement that such rules be the same as those governing the retirement of other ordained ministers.

May 6, 1976

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESSES AND SERMONS

COMMUNION SERMON

By Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr., New York Area

"On Being in Covenant"

I

The time has come for us to begin our life together in this 1976 General Conference. And yet the deeper truth is we had our beginning a long time ago. Beginnings, in fact, are extremely difficult to trace. The beginning of life—the beginning of a nation—the beginning of a covenant.

Ours is somewhat located this way:

In the latter end of the year 1739 (237 years ago this fall) eight or ten persons came to Mr. Wesley in London. They desired, as did two or three more the next day, that he would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come. That he might have more time for the great work, he appointed a day when they might come together, which from thenceforward they did every week, namely on Thursday, in the evening—and they always concluded their meeting with prayer suited to their several necessities (General Rules—The Discipline).

Or if we want a more specific beginning for our origins in this country we find it stated this way. "Our united Society is no other than a company of (persons) having the form and seeking the power of godliness, united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation." (ibid)

Yet in the sweep of history these covenantal beginnings were set only a moment ago compared to the earliest covenants which mark our spiritual journey.

This linking of life with life in covenant set and sealed by sign, word, and mission, arose in the earliest time.

God in his grace and glory broke in upon a wandering and insecure people to establish his covenant with them and with their successors forever. He would be their God and they would be his people. A bow—a rainbow—a sign breaking through every cloud and storm would ever be there as a token of his presence

with them. The Lord would be their God, and Israel would be his people.

Here a new community was born—a community united around meaningful norms of right and wrong: a community that would provide identity for every individual; a community that would have a divine and holy purpose affecting the well-being of all in the family of God.

Across the centuries the influence of this covenant was never lost in Israel. To be sure, again and again the people failed to measure up to their part of the relationship. The covenantal relationship itself fell victim to legalisms, nationalism, and even idolatry.

So the prophets sought to reinterpret and renew the covenant that it might not become, as it often did, its own worst enemy; but rather that it might be a living, vital understanding of life and community.

No one saw this more clearly than Jeremiah who centuries after the experience of the earliest covenant affirmed that the time had come for a new covenant between God and his people, a covenant not according to that of the ancient day written on tablets of stone, but a covenant written on the inward parts and in their hearts.

This experience of God giving himself to his people and the people binding themselves to God in faith and obedience came to birth anew in The Last Supper of Jesus with the disciples.

In that large furnished upper room a group of disparate individuals became a new community in Jesus Christ. A covenant was born. A sign was given, a relationship established, a promise made that laid the foundation for our coming together beneath this cross and around this table. St. Paul sharpened the meaning of this for all in the body of Christ when he said, "This cup is the new testament (the new covenant—)."

So, our beginning has a long, long history. The United Methodist community celebrated today, and in coming days, in a wide variety of relationships goes back not only to Baltimore and London, but to an Upper Room in Jerusalem where our Lord gathered with his disciples, broke the loaf and shared the cup; and beyond this to a time when a sign was given to nomadic people through a rainbow in the cloud.

II

We are here to remember the covenant. We come to remember that God is not only Creator, but Sustainer. We come to remember that God was not only at the beginning but that he is in the continuing. The covenant is not of our making; it is of God's

giving. The priority of our presence is not of our doing but of God's grace. Our hope is not in our achieving but in God's blessing.

In the covenant we discover we are never alone. The warm sustaining intimacy of the Upper Room would soon be shattered. The enemy would come, the Lord would be taken, betrayed, tried, and nailed to a cross. The little flock would be scattered, but none of this would destroy the community born of Jesus' presence with them.

In these moments we remember the true nature of the religious life. The religious life is not only a matter of private theological and Biblical convictions, or of personal opinions about right or wrong. Nor is it loyalty to some form of ecclesiastical organization with prescribed constitution, discipline, and rules of order, all of which are properly a part of a human association, including the church.

The significant religious life has a depth of meaning beyond the privatism of personal belief, or loyalty to a branch of the religious institution. The religious life is sharing a relationship that is community oriented by its very nature. "Being in Christ" is being part of a functioning, serving, loving community, that is always there when we reach out, and where others reaching out can find us.

One wrote of his own life in memory of the church when he said:

"In those years when I crossed the threshold into maturity, when I faced the decision of my home, my vocation and my acceptance or neglect of my Christian heritage, the church did not fail me. She was there. I shall not forget."

In these particular times all of us in General Conference shall be crossing thresholds of major importance. How meaningful it is to remember that the convenant stands, that its power to give strength will be here.

And one of our distinguished theologians has reminded us, it is of inestimable importance that the church call us to a remembering, rejoicing and redeeming service which celebrates community and in which our lives can be inwardly nourished and renewed.

In our remembering it is especially important to be aware that, while it is an extreme privilege and blessing for us to be here, that there are many others of the koinonia, the fellowship, who are not here.

Numbered among them are members of our families and coworkers in the fellowship of the church, yes even the churches around the world. These we sincerely remember as we come to

the table. But in addition, as a Christian saint once reminded his colleagues, there are many in the fellowship who are alone—some persecuted and oppressed, many in prison and scattered in places known and unknown, who are of this covenant whom we must remember not only in these moments of rich worship, but continuously in our deliberations at General Conference.

III

We gather not only to remember the covenant, but we join in this sacred celebration to renew the covenant.

Jesus calls his disciples not merely to remember him, to recall his presence, but to "do this" in remembrance of him. We come to confront our guilt, accept forgiveness, and affirm the faith afresh. To break the bread and share the cup is to renew the commitment we have with one another, and with Christ.

One of the great emphases in the ministry of John Wesley was that of renewing the covenant with his people. "We met," he records in his Journal, "to renew the covenant." "Though the weather kept many tender away (how well we know) we had a large congregation to renew our covenant with God." "In the evening we renewed our covenant with God in the New Room at Bristol." And so the Journal goes.

Our covenant needs renewal. We've nibbled our way into lostness. The zeal of our intent has dimmed. The great claims we have made for Christ have suffered benign neglect. We have started so often with such speed and thrust, but we have grown weary in well doing. We suffer battle fatigue. Our calendars are cluttered with the insignificant, our lives are threadbare from attention to trivialities; we have lost our way in a maze of inconsequential details. The roots of faith are stunted, and the fruits of our various ministries are meager, because we have failed to nurture, nourish and renew those things which build up faith, give strength to carry on, and power to see it through.

In the heat, pressure, and resistance of the time we have ceased to press on to the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

But there is hope. The commitment can be renewed. The experience of the covenant can be reborn. Our spirits can be fed afresh by the power of the Holy Spirit. All of this to meaningful consequences.

Nearly a generation ago one of our bishops said, "That person is more qualified to sit at the peace table who has just risen from the Lord's Table." So all of us will be more able, more ready, more qualified to sit at the tables of this General Conference when at the Lord's Table we have renewed our covenant with

God, and yielded ourselves afresh in single-hearted obedience to Jesus Christ.

"Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven,
Here would I lay aside this earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven."

—Horatius Bonar

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Then, too, we not only remember and renew the covenant but we come to reaffirm its intent and fulfillment.

We come not to stand in awe of the past, any past, much less our own, though we have good reason to remember the rock from which we are hewn. We come not alone for personal renewal though we need that, and God is ready to offer it to us, but we come to proclaim the victory of God. We come to affirm the power that can overcome; the love that will prevail.

All of the covenants which we remember have looked forward in hope. Acknowledging our covenant with God in Jesus Christ and one another we look ahead! We seek to move forward; we anticipate and live in hope of the day of the Lord.

In the Upper Room Jesus invited all who were present, as we do, to partake of the cup, and he likewise challenged all who drank to drink it all.

In covenant we renew our commitment to follow him. We seek in Christ not merely a deeper spirituality but a more earnest discipleship.

In Geneva, recently, a company of friends, students and scholars came together to remember what would have been the 70th birthday of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. A distinguished German scientist Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker, went to the heart of Bonhoeffer's contribution to this generation when he said: "His life was to embrace the experience that the more spiritual the Christian life becomes, the more worldly it must be, and the more worldly it becomes, the more spiritual it must be."

So in the covenant we are not saved from the world but for the world. In the covenant we are not saved from anything: trouble, sorrow, frustration, even failure, but we are saved by the grace of God in every state and condition.

The covenant speaks to predictability: "The rainbow shall be seen in the cloud, and the waters shall no more destroy." "These things I have spoken unto you that in me you might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Before General Conference is over the whole gamut of personal experience which creates alienation and misunderstanding, threatens the future, blocks real progress, scoffs at love and scorns good will may well be experienced. Some will see high hopes frustrated, others will feel betrayed. But all of this and more will not destroy the covenant. There is no promise in the covenant that any of us shall be saved from any of these feelings, but there is the promise we can be saved in all of them.

We come to this General Conference not in fear but in faith, not in anxiety but with high courage, not in hopelessness but with hope. We come to affirm a covenant upheld in the promise of an eternal, loving and righteous God.

We come to rest the future with God who in all of our affliction is afflicted; with a Heavenly Father who gave his begotten son that whosoever would believe in him would not perish but have eternal life; with God who holds the whole world in his love, and has no intention of allowing anything in life or in death to deny it his continuing care.

Trouble, disorder, turbulence have their part in life. Negative forces have a way of making havoc in the world, but none of these will ultimately prevail.

There is in the Christian way not only the sign of hope but there is the act of redemption and renewal. God has come in Jesus Christ and things are being made new.

At this table we not only receive the sign of God's presence but we share the action of his redeeming grace, and the promise of his victory. We are thus prepared to take up the cross and follow him.

In the world there are multitudes who are in distress, in deep trouble and in need of a Saviour. As one has said, millions are living in the upheaval of change; living in poverty and hunger; depressed and repressed by the systems of government and culture which dominate their lives. Some are old, and some are young; they are of every race and kind. All are in need of salvation.

In response God is here in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup calling us to go forward with him to ministry and mission. And he gives assurance for victory.

Let us partake of these elements and embrace them fully that we may be more spiritually fit for the tasks ahead, and more

ready to be obedient to God's call for our presence in the world where his eternal goodness and abiding love will prevail.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS
By Bishop Eugene M. Frank, Arkansas Area

"For Praise and Remembrance"

How we thank God today for the life in Christ Jesus, which has given us victory over sin and death. Through the glorious work of God for our salvation, we experience the power of Jesus' resurrection. We know that through His resurrection we are raised into a living hope, the blessed assurance that Christ has opened the door of God's Kingdom to those who believe in Him as God's Son. So for us every memorial service is a celebration of remembrance and expectation.

The word "remember" is written scores of times in the Old Testament. The corollary to the word "remember," "forget not," occurs hundreds of times. "Remember" is the central theme of the first five books of the Old Testament. Psalm 136 itself contains over twenty-six references to the memory of the mighty acts of God. We are pledged to remember these mighty acts of God as He brings His people from creation to salvation. We are warned that if we ever forget God, we shall surely perish. In the New Testament the deepest covenant we have with Christ is in his institution of a sacrament of remembering. "Do this in remembrance of me."

The work of the Holy Spirit in our midst is to bring to our remembrance the words of Jesus and to keep exalting all that He did and taught in our memory. This is a celebration of remembering. It is a blessed joy to remember these—God's saints—who have entered into life eternal.

It is also a celebration of expectation. In the liturgy we used yesterday the people declared, "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ *will* come again." Memory of what God has done in Christ's life, passion, death and resurrection is wonderfully balanced in God's grace with the joyous and victorious expectation that the end of the age belongs to God, that death is swallowed up in the victory of resurrection. Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there you may be also." This is a celebration of

expectation. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. He *will* come again.

We remember His resurrection. We anticipate being with Him in the glory of the Father. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His great mercy we have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for salvation, ready to be revealed at the last time.

Dear Christian friends, we remember these who have entered into life eternal with God. We love them still, and we cherish every remembrance. We have overflowing joy in anticipating their eternal union with the glorious company of Heaven. We anticipate our own reunion with them, for we believe with all our hearts in the communion of the saints. We celebrate this very moment the memory that God has given us, by which we call to mind His mighty acts in His creation and in the lives of those who have blessed us, and we celebrate the expectation of a living hope, because of which we stand on tiptoe, waiting expectantly for the fulfillment of Christ's victory over sin and death. Let us pray.

And now, dear Lord, consecrate to our minds and hearts today the words we have spoken and the thoughts we have had, the very affections of our hearts, so that with all our being we may celebrate the remembrance of all You have done and anticipate with joyous expectation all that You will do to bring your Kingdom into reality, in this world as it is in Heaven, and in our hearts and lives, even as Christ has died that we might be reborn. And may the grace, the mercy, and the peace of God, the Father almighty, abide in our hearts today and always. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS

By Bishop William R. Cannon, Atlanta Area

"The Place of United Methodism in the Total Christian Heritage"

I have been asked to speak on the "Place of The United Methodist Church in the Total Christian Tradition." Methodism is a latecomer to the Christian family. Whereas, Roman Catholicism is venerable with age and the orthodox churches of the East are hallowed by immemorial antiquity, the movement

John Wesley sired is no older than the Industrial Revolution, too young, in fact, to have had any part whatever in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century.

If Methodism is so new, then The United Methodist Church which we represent here is one of the youngest entities within Methodism. We are just 10 years old. We are still in a stage of indeterminate adolescence. What one General Conference does, another is apt to undo. We frequently behave like orphans who do not seem to realize that they ever had any parents at all. Our parents, however, are very much with us. This is the first generation of members in this new and amazing union. Like the apostles who witnessed the resurrection and lived on to testify to it, and to establish the church, so we have within ourselves the gifts, the graces, the remarkable heritage that came to us out of our parent denominations. As Pallas Athena in classical mythology sprang full grown from the head of Zeus, so this church of ours is a powerful and great church, an institution of remarkable influence, vital in mission, possessed of a sense of dedication and direction, radiant in faith, and with her own peculiar place in the wide economy of God's grace.

What is that place? What is our relationship to Christendom? What place do we occupy in the Christian heritage? In other words, what is the genius of Methodism? The genius of Methodism, if we can reduce it to a single statement, is our amazing ability to adapt to any situation, a certain adroitness to cope with all circumstances and conditions, really an ability to improvise, whatever the necessity is that faces us.

When Franklin Roosevelt became President of the United States, at the very bottom of the economic situation, he said to his colleagues in the New Deal, "Try something. If it doesn't succeed, try something else, but keep on trying." And that really has been the hallmark of our history. In the 18th Century remarkable institutions were created. John Wesley, by accident almost, began field preaching. He disliked it personally, it was distasteful to him, he thought it had no place really in Catholic Christianity, but nonetheless he did it, and when he saw it succeed, he did it again and again. John Wesley did not want laypeople to speak much in public; he had not planned a lay ministry, but then he had no ordained clergy to help him, that is, not many, and when laypeople did it, and God blessed their efforts, Wesley organized a family of lay preachers.

What we have seen in England in the 18th Century, we have seen in America in the 19th Century: this remarkable itinerant system, the deployment of personnel wherever the need was greatest, the circuit rider who went out ahead of the pioneers. As

people crossed the prairies, as the frontier of the nation moved west, always there was a hardy son of the gospel there to preach the glad good news of Jesus Christ.

It's just not a matter of history, it's also evidence of our contemporary situation. You heard in the Episcopal Address how early the Evangelical United Brethren used women to preach the gospel. Georgia Harkness was mentioned, and I can hear her speech now when the Methodist Church became one of the largest denominations to admit women to the ranks of the clergy, therefore using all the resources of human personality to lift the name of Jesus Christ and proclaim His message to the people. Saint Paul said, "I have become all things to all people if by any means I might win some to Jesus Christ." The Methodists have taken his statement seriously. That has been the hallmark of our achievement. But dear friends, what has proved such a remarkable asset, if wrongly used, could become the worst of liabilities. It's just not that we improvise, it's why we improvise. It is the purpose, it is the goal, it's that which we hope to achieve.

There is a delegate seated out here before me in the congregation. Though the man did not say this directly to me, it was reported to me by a friend of his, that at the beginning of this past quadrennium he was at the organizational meeting of one of our agencies. He came up and spoke to one of the youth representatives, and to make conversation, he asked her where she was from and found out she was from the same town he lived in, and he said, "What church do you attend?" "Well," she said, "I hate to tell you, I don't attend any local church, I'm just not interested in that." "Oh," he said, "How is it that you are a member of this agency?" She said, "Well I just happened to be the right age and the right sex." Now we need youth in the conclaves of the church; we need women to guide and counsel us; but not at that price! There is no substitute for devotion to Jesus Christ and loyalty to His church and hard work to support His mission and expand His call.

Some of you read in an issue of "Newscope" about a meeting under the sponsorship of one of our agencies that brought together community workers, and then there was discussion and deliberation, and one of the community workers, so "Newscope" reports, said, "I want to work in the community, I believe in good causes, but I cannot do it if it means that I must confess that I believe in God and that Jesus Christ is my saviour." Well that caused a lot of discussion. Then someone looked through the *Discipline* and said, "I don't find anywhere in the *Discipline* the stipulation that a community worker must believe in God." Well I know we are in a pluralistic society, I realize that we've got to

work with all classes and conditions of people; I realize that we should cooperate with persons of goodwill whatever they believe. But whenever a person represents the church; whenever a person serves under the auspices of one of our agencies or one of our local congregations, that person should be a follower of Jesus Christ. It's not all written in the *Discipline*. There are presuppositions on which the *Discipline* rests. It's not spelled out in every piece of legislation, it's taken for granted. We've learned it out of the Catechism that our chief duty is "to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

We hear a lot about lifestyles, and a lot now is classified as lifestyle, as if it were a matter of dress, or the way we groom ourselves to go out in public. We read about different types of moral behavior, but, dear friends, any form of sexual life must be in the Christian context, sanctified by marriage, and its fulfillment is the Christian home, and that home is ordained of God and intended by Him to be permanent. I realize we are all sinners; we stand together constantly in need of forgiving grace. I would open the door, as would you, to all suppliants. The church is to save people; the church is the center of a rescue mission to humanity, but when the doors of the church are open, the invitation is to them who desire "to flee from the wrath to come," to them "who do truly and earnestly repent of their sin, intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking henceforth in His holy way." The business of the church is to convert sinners, not to confirm any of us in our wickedness.

The churches of the Reformation were held in thralldom by the concept of the sovereignty of God. Wesley gave a different stress. To be sure, everything was dependent upon grace, but he thought of it as prevenient grace, as sunlight that falls on all alike, and wind that blows merrily in the faces of all the people—prevenient grace, enough of God in us to respond to goodness. Therefore, natural conscience is a gift of God and people have enough power conferred on them by God to respond to the gospel. Therefore Wesley in his theology laid responsibility on everybody. He took the precept of justification by faith from the Reformation, but then he turned to the Divines at Trent and the teachings of the Catholic church and accepted along with it the doctrine of sanctification. That's why there is such a close kinship in moral understanding and discernment between Methodists and Roman Catholics. It's not that the mantle of Christ's purity is thrown over the leprosy of our sins, and we stay that way as long as we are on earth, but those whom God justifies He gives power to be victorious over sin, and that which we look

to in Heaven is anticipated in real, genuine living here on earth.

Now we are conscious of human hunger and the deplorable situation that exists over the world, and this properly is a priority of Christian people. We can't reach a soul if the body is hungry and diseased. After all, the soul is in the body; we've got to help the body. That's a great cause and we'll espouse it and we'll do what we can. It's good, but it's not good enough. Even if we could do all that, if all the world—everybody in it—could have an income on which to be sustained physically and materially (and I would like to see that day), still our mission is just started. For people must be made good. "Be ye transformed by the power of Christ," be ye remade in His image. The church must be that example, that people may see our good works and glorify God because of them. But the church cannot do something for a society, for people—she does that—but she does something with society and with people so that her mission is not finished until they are incorporated within her divine life. Wesley said, "Christ died for us," but that's half the proposition. Christ died for us and the Holy Spirit lives in us, and the Holy Spirit is to be given through us to all humankind. Let me end with a quotation from St. Augustine, for really the kingdoms of this world must become the kingdom of God, and not our preferences and our tastes, but His will must be done.

> "The city of God, O Marcelinus, is my theme. A city surpassingly glorious, whether we view it as it exists by faith in this fleeting course of time and sojourns as a stranger in the midst of the ungodly, or as it shall exist in the fixed stability of its eternal seat, which it now with patience waits for, until righteousness shall return to judgment, and it shall receive by virtue of its own excellence final victory and perfect peace."

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, whom we adore as God in human form, and know no more, lift up thy face before us that we may seek to live in keeping with thy life. Thou didst become human in order to give us the power to become divine. Give us a sense of compassion, help us to open our arms, as thou didst open thine arms to us, to all people. Give us a sense of love, a sense of understanding and a sense of comradeship; but then bring us altogether at thy feet, transform our lives and let the church have the power to fulfill the mission thou didst give her. Command whatever thou wilt, O Lord, but then grant what thou commandest. We pray to thee, Lord Jesus Christ, for thou, together with the Father and Holy Spirit, art one God, world without end. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS
By Bishop Don W. Holter, Nebraska Area

"Publish Your Message in the Open Face of the Sun"

The message that I have this morning is the second in a series that has been planned for nine presentations that will somehow give us an idea of the heritage of United Methodism. We began with Bishop Cannon yesterday. Tomorrow Bishop Ole Borgen will talk about the missionary outreach. He will be followed by Bishop Choy in regard to social action, Bishop Nichols in regard to the blacks, Bishop Stowe on education, Bishop Washburn on the contribution of women, Bishop Mathews on the ecumenical relationships, and, finally, with Bishop Goodson to do with the far horizons.

In 1773 John Wesley wrote to one of the missionaries that he was sending to America, "I let you loose on the great continent of America. Publish your message in the open face of the sun and do all the good you can." That this man along with other Methodist missionaries, circuit riders, and local preachers and forerunners of the United Brethren and Evangelical Association did publish the message in the face of the sun is one of the most amazing stories in the history of Christianity. Only by the grace of God could a movement with such small resources increase in the two hundred years from 1776 to 1976 from about 8000 members with about 80 preachers, mostly untrained and with no recognized leadership, to a membership of ten million with nearly 34,000 clergy and about 40,000 churches.

The basic story of these two hundred years is well known. It is my hope to outline a part of the beginnings and growth of the constituent groups that now make up The United Methodist Church. Several aspects of the total development will be related, as I indicated, by my episcopal colleagues in the days to come.

The appropriate text is Acts 1:8. "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." The early church had no idea as to how far this commission would take them and those that followed. In a similar manner, the early preachers in America had no idea of what was beyond their own Jerusalem. In the telling of this story I'm going to select various elements that in my opinion are responsible for or made possible the phenomenal growth and development. These are not necessarily listed in the order of priority.

But, first, the opportunity with its demands was there. The

population of the United States during the 200-year period increased from about 2,500,000 to over 225,000,000, and the thirteen colonies on the eastern seaboard have expanded to fifty states. Not to be forgotten is the fact that millions of people who came from Europe were unchurched in a real sense. One authority said that less than five per cent of those who came were related to any church that was established in America. Church membership as we know it, therefore, had to be chosen. In America a person was not born into the church because of nationality, as into a State church. Therefore, the principle of voluntarism became the accepted religious pattern of this new world, because the few established churches were soon eliminated after the Revolution. Consequently, on succeeding frontiers, as new villages and cities grew up, the religious groups had to establish their church life in organizations with no assistance from anyone except their own church groups in the east. Indeed in the establishment of their church organizations the Methodists were ahead of the political forces. Surprising is the fact that in over four-fifths of the states the Methodist Annual Conference was formed before the state was admitted into the Union.

Openness to diversity is the second element that carries through the 200-year period. Obviously, the early Methodists were largely English. Along with those were those from Ireland and the German Palatinates. Going beyond the early Methodists to the forerunners of the United Brethren and Evangelical Association, you immediately encounter German Reformed, Lutheran, Amish, Moravians and Mennonites. Of interest, also, is the diversity in regard to military service. Well known is the pacifist or non-involvement stand of Francis Asbury and Freeborn Garrison. In comparison to them is the position of the British Army Captain, Thomas Webb, who is involved in an early Methodist meeting in New York. At the close he marched down to the front and announced: "Captain Thomas Webb, of the King's service, and also a soldier of the cross and spiritual son of John Wesley." Remember, also, Jacob Albright, who was an American Colonial soldier guarding Hessian prisoners. Therefore he came in contact with a Hessian officer, John Seybert, whose son, John, was the next bishop of the Evangelical Association after Albright.

Today we talk of our acceptance of pluralism in our unity of belief as if it were a modern development in the theological life and practice of United Methodism. Certainly, this is not true. The acceptance of what is gathered up in our more modern term, pluralism, is as old as the beginnings of life in the United Methodism and has continued through the 200 years. How

amazing it is that persons of German Reformed, Mennonite, Lutheran and Church of England backgrounds, could find a unity in a common emphasis on the grace of God in Jesus Christ as a source of salvation.

The third element is the life and character of the founders of the several groups that became, in time, United Methodism. These key leaders came from a variety of groups and backgrounds. The most important person appointed by John Wesley for America was Francis Asbury who came in 1771. Asbury was an unordained, untrained lay preacher until the Christmas Conference in 1784 when he was elected by his fellow lay preachers to be one of their Superintendents or Bishops. On successive days he was ordained Deacon, Elder and Bishop and consecrated as a Superintendent. From that time until his death in 1816, he was a dominant figure in Methodist Episcopal affairs in America. It was Asbury, traveling throughout the total area, who bound the churches together in a connectional system. He made the episcopacy. By strictly adhering to the itinerant system and making all of the appointments of preachers and presiding at all of the Conferences he brought about a strong unity and a centralized authority. Of course, there were missionaries other than Asbury. Not to be forgotten also was the establishment of the first Methodist Societies in New York and Maryland.

For the United Brethren, the spiritual founder was Philip William Otterbein, who like John Wesley never severed his relationship with his own church, German Reformed, for whom he had come to America in 1752. Indeed, he served as the Pastor of the German Evangelical Reformed Church in Baltimore for 39 years before his death in 1813. He gave life service and adherence to the major concern of the early Lutheran Pietists, Spener and Francke, who sought to bring the church back to its primary emphasis on redemption through faith in Jesus Christ, through devotions, prayer, witness, Bible study, missions and the works of love. Remember the influence of the Moravian pietists on John Wesley. Is it any wonder that Asbury found a kindred spirit in Otterbein and asked him to participate in his consecration in December 1784?

The warm relationship between Otterbein and Asbury extended over a period of nearly four years. Asbury hoped that there could be closer cooperation and union between the Methodists and United Brethren, but Otterbein seemed never to leave his beloved German Reformed Church.

Another leader of the United Brethren, Christian Newcomer, however, appeared eager to bring about closer relationships between the two groups. Indeed in 1809 the Methodist Baltimore

Conference appointed a committee "to ascertain whether union could be effected between the two groups." And their favorable report was adopted. In response, however, the United Brethren were hesitant in spite of Newcomer's friendliness to closer relations. Not long before his death Otterbein did ordain Christian Newcomer on October 2, 1813, with the assistance of William Ryland, an elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church. But no union was consummated at this time.

Classic in the United Brethren tradition is the famous meeting of Otterbein and Martin Boehm, probably in 1767. After Boehm had preached, Otterbein came forth and said, "Wir sind Brüder"—"we are brothers." Martin Boehm, Mennonite preacher, after being excommunicated by the Mennonites about 1775, became identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church group sometime later. In September, 1800, after the earlier arrival of persons from the German Reformed, Mennonite, Amish and Moravian traditions, a group of 14 German ministers met; included were Otterbein, Martin and Henry Boehm, and Christian Newcomer. Otterbein and Martin Boehm were elected as leaders and given the term of "Eltesten" or elders. There followed a series of Annual Conferences. In 1813 Otterbein died and Christian Newcomer was elected Bishop for a four-year term. At that time the total membership of the United Brethren in Christ was about 10,000. The first General and Organizing Conference was held in 1815. Newcomer, elected quadrennially, served as an able Bishop and administrator until his death at 81 in 1830.

Continuing with the emphasis on founders, we need to look at the origins of the Evangelical Association—the name here is Jacob Albright, a Lutheran, who had a spiritual crisis following the death of three of his children and joined the Methodist class society meeting. Not long after this in 1796 he began preaching and by 1800 had organized three classes of Albright's people with a total membership of 20 and held an organizing conference the same year. The name Evangelical Association came into use in 1816. After the death of Albright in 1809 no one was elected Bishop until 1839 when John Seybert was elected. Of interest is the fact that this man was a son of the Hessian officer whom Jacob Albright guarded as a prisoner during the Revolutionary War. Under Bishop Seybert, a bachelor, who had served as a minister since 1821, the Evangelical Association continued to cling to the German language and tradition.

In the beginnings and growth of our church no element is more important than the ministry. Today when we speak of the United Methodist preacher we are usually thinking of a fully ordained

member of an Annual Conference. In the early days of Methodism, however, the Methodist preacher was not an ordained man but a lay preacher. Methodist preachers did not need to be ordained because the Anglican clergy took care of the sacramental needs of the Methodists. Indeed, the Methodist services and the Methodist chapels, not churches, were not held at the same hour as those of the Church of England.

Likewise, in our country until the year 1784, American Methodism was a lay movement within the Church of England. Up to that time none of the Methodist itinerants had been ordained nor did they consider their Societies real churches, their places of worship being called chapels or meetinghouses, never churches. It is difficult to realize that even the leader of the itinerating Methodist preachers, Francis Asbury, was not ordained until the Christmas Conference in 1784 even though he had been in America since he was chosen by John Wesley in 1771.

In America Mr. Asbury supported the Wesley policy of avoiding a break with the Church of England, therefore needing to depend on the Anglican clergy for the sacraments. During the year 1780 Mr. Asbury wrote to Mr. Wesley several times imploring him for an ordained itinerant in America. Wesley in turn pleaded in vain with the Bishop of London to ordain such a man for America. Most prominent of the cooperating priests of the Church of England in America was the Rev. Devereaux Jarrett of Virginia who assisted Methodists with the sacraments from 1773 until the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784. Well known is the fact that Robert Strawbridge, who "raised up" a number of early Native American Methodist itinerants, although not ordained, administered the sacraments. Other Methodist preachers in Virginia and the Carolinas would have done the same, organized a presbytery and ordained themselves, had it not been for Francis Asbury and others. But the sacramental and other spiritual needs of the Methodist people in America were not being adequately cared for and a new solution was demanded. Some plan for the ordination of American Methodist preachers was necessary, especially following the Revolutionary War.

The story of the Christmas Conference—its background, Mr. Wesley's cooperation as well as that of Dr. Coke—is well known and it is not necessary to tell it again. Many wise decisions were made in the short time of ten days including Asbury's election by the preachers on his demand.

In the first Minutes, or *Discipline*, of the Methodist Episcopal Church several questions were asked. Question three asks, "As ecclesiastical, as well as civil affairs, of these United States have

passed through a very considerable change by the Revolution, what plan of organization of church government shall we hereafter pursue?" Answer: "We will form ourselves into an episcopal church under the direction of superintendents, elders, deacons, and helpers." Question four, "What may we reasonably believe to be God's design in raising up preachers called Methodist?" Answer: "To reform the continent and to spread Scriptural Holiness over these lands." Of interest is the answer to question 74 in regard to building. The answer was, "That all our chapels be built plain and decent, but not more expensively than is absolutely avoidable. Otherwise, the necessity of raising money will make rich men necessary to us, but if so we must be dependent upon them, yea governed by them, and then farewell to Methodist discipline if not doctrine too."

In regard to salary, the 1792 General Conference fixed the Circuit Riders' annual pay at $64.00 and traveling expenses. Wives of married preachers were to receive "$64.00 if they be in want of it." Certainly, few Methodist ministers received the total amount regularly. Increases in salaries did not come rapidly. $80.00 in 1800 with a like amount for wives and small allowances for children. In 1816 the annual salary was $100; in 1836 it was $200. In 1848, differences in salaries appear by authorized allowances for "table expenses" to be determined by the Quarterly Meeting. As from the beginning, the early bishops received the same salary as the preachers. Indeed, it was a brotherhood of poverty. Asbury declared "we must suffer with if we labor for the poor." The "table expenses" of the bishops after 1832 was determined by the annual conference in which the bishop resided. In 1860, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church put the determination of the preacher's salary in the hands of the Quarterly Conference of the circuit and station.

The need for ordained ministers has been a recurring concern throughout the history of United Methodism in America. It was a major demand leading up to the Christmas Conference. Not always remembered is that the Christmas Conference not only elected Dr. Coke and Asbury to the superintendency, but thirteen others were also elected for deacon's and elder's orders. When we remember that there were about 60 preachers in attendance at this first historic conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and only sixteen were elected to orders, then it means that 44 of the 60 went away unordained. In all there were about 80 preachers at this time. From 1784 to 1800 the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church increased from about 15,000 to 65,000. The number of preachers during the same

period grew from 83 to 266, of whom only 78 were fully ordained and qualified to administer the Lord's Supper. Thus grew up the traveling ministry and the local ministry—local preachers, exhorters, and class leaders. The membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1840 was 853,000 and it was served by 3,587 traveling preachers and 6,393 local preachers.

That all appointments of the United Methodist ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in those days were made by Asbury, not Coke or other early bishops, is quite clear. Through the years the length of maximum tenure in one appointment slowly arose from possibly six months to two years from 1804 to 1864 in the north when it became three years and five in 1888. In the south the limit became four years in 1866 and it continued at that figure in the Southern church until the time of union in 1939, with certain exceptions. Extensive travel and other demands on the early circuit riders made preachers old men before they were forty years of age. All of these demands joined with a meager financial remuneration made it seem questionable for a preacher to marry or stay with the traveling ministry as a lifetime calling unless he remained a bachelor.

It is not surprising therefore in the early *Disciplines* that there appears the admonition, "Take no step toward marriage without first consulting your brethren." Marriage was discouraged among the traveling preachers because of the demand for travel. If a preacher did marry, it often meant that he would locate. One authority has summarized the seriousness of the situation as follows: "Of the 1616 preachers received into the conferences from the beginning of American Methodism to 1814, 821 or nearly half had located. As late as 1809, of the 84 preachers in the Virginia Conference only three had wives." Of course, Bishop Asbury never married and never had a home of his own and favored celibacy for his preachers. And one time when he heard that a favorite preacher was to be married, he exclaimed, "I believe the devil and the women will get all of my preachers." Dr. Coke was married, but the three bishops chosen after Coke and Asbury were unmarried. The unmarried state and lack of formal education of so many circuit riders may have been the reason that it was said by the critics of the successful Methodists, "There are three requirements for a Methodist preacher: ignorance, impotence and a hell of a voice."

A tragic element in the story is the separation of the main groups. You know them. First were the Republican Methodists; of far greater significance were the Methodist Protestants who left in 1830; the Wesleyan Methodists who left in 1842-43; well-known is the major separation of 1844-45. Toward the end of

the 19th century the Old Constitution group left the United Brethren. Beginning in the 1920's were the union efforts in all of the groups, in the Evangelical Association and United Brethren which finally eventuated in the Evangelical United Brethren Church. In the memory of most of us was the union of three major groups in 1939—M.E., M. E. South, and the Methodist Protestants, to form The Methodist Church. The great union of 1968 finally brought together the spiritual children of Wesley, Asbury, Boehm and Albright.

In the story of the beginnings of the growth of the church insufficient attention has been given to another element—the contribution of lay persons. One of Wesley's emphases had to do with the control and discipline of members carried on by the classes and bands. This practice was carried over into the New World and continued into the 20th century. Also overlooked is the vital contribution of the local preacher, on whom the itinerating circuit rider was so dependent. As indicated earlier, the local preachers outnumbered the traveling preachers by two or three to one. All through the 19th century they were the unsung heroes of the advance on the frontier.

Evangelism should be singled out as a significant element. In an important sense, however, all of the growth was an evangelistic thrust. When we think of the frontier, our minds immediately turn to the camp meeting. Indeed these were the most dramatic and spectacular of all the evangelistic efforts. Although the camp meeting was never recognized as an official Methodist institution in the *Discipline* or by any General Conference action, it was widely used. In 1811, Asbury estimated that between 400 and 500 camp meetings were held, and the number increased to 600 by his death in 1816. All through the following century these annual times of concentrated preaching, praying, singing, shouting and social gatherings brought thousands into the church. In the first *Disciplines* preachers were admonished to choose the fittest subjects and to follow them with a holy mixture of seriousness and terror and love and meekness. Those who attended the camp meetings heard many sermons that were a holy mixture of seriousness, terror, love and meekness.

Nevertheless as a human means of evangelism, the camp meetings take second place to the untiring day-by-day fruitful preaching of the circuit riders such as Peter Cartwright, Christian Newcomer, and John Seybert, and local preachers in cabins, barns, crude chapels by the graveside or wherever a large or small group was gathered.

The nineteenth century numerical growth of the membership

of the constituent groups of which we are thinking is nearly unbelievable. As seen in the figures for all groups, the total in 1800 was 75,094; and in 1900 it was over 5,000,000. United Brethren increased from 10,000 in 1800 to 247,000 in 1900; the Evangelical Association from 20,000 to 166,000 in 1900; the Methodist Episcopal from about 65,000 to nearly 3,000,000 in 1900; the Methodist Episcopal Church South from about a half million to one and one-half million in 1900; the Methodist Protestants from about 65,000 to 184,000 in 1900.

That "the message was published in the open face of the sun" and that tremendous efforts were made to reform the continent and spread scriptural holiness over these lands is crystal clear. It could be summarized for United Methodists as follows: Religion came to be a conscious, dynamic, verifiable experience. First a sense of sin, and a desire for deliverance is the way for anyone to begin. The Holy Spirit operated to convert the sinner, brought him into direct contact with God. Thereby through Christ his sins were forgiven and he became assured of his salvation. Then came the experience of holiness—"altogether Christians." The experience of perfect love or the experience of the overflowing love and grace of God should follow. The final step was the awareness of the ethical demands for Christian living. It has been said that it was a people's movement, open to all, rich or poor, high or low, for the grace of God was available to all.

In response to the call of God in Jesus Christ and with a high sense of destiny, the ancestors and forerunners of the United Methodists moved across the continent and around the world. Ours is a great heritage with old and new demands for our day and into the future.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS

By Bishop Ole E. Borgen, Northern Europe Central Conference

"Go Therefore . . . to All the Nations"

Our Scripture lesson this morning is in two passages from the Gospels—Matthew 28:19-20 and Luke 24:47-49. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you, and, Lo, I am with you always to the close of the age." And further, "Thus, it is written: Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and

that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are the witnesses of these things."

The Bible is only a book. Words are only words. Sermons are only words spoken by a man or a woman, if the Holy Spirit does not once again inspire and enlighten and empower in the world. Let us, therefore, each and every one, as you feel you have need and as I feel I have need, pray together that God may open our hearts in understanding in order that we may in truth receive what he wants to give us today. Let us all pray.

Lord, speak to us that we may hear and, hearing, understand and, understanding, have life, and that abundantly. Amen.

Sometime back I heard a well-known preacher forcefully asserting, "Most of the members we take into membership in our churches are testimonies to our disobedience to Christ." I must admit that at first I . . . my whole being arose in protest. But he continued. "Christ commanded us to *go* and tell the nations, but what do we do? We sit here quietly, waiting for the people to come to us." And my protest suddenly died.

Of course, we shall be grateful to every person who comes to our churches and finds a living faith in a living Christian fellowship. It is wonderful to be grateful for. But God's people is a *pilgrim* people. A people on the move, a dynamic force obeying the command of Christ to *go*, and, as the Word said, "let repentance and forgiveness of sins . . . be preached in His name to all nations."

In that sense, Jesus was an itinerant and so were His disciples. There was a "Tabor" experience up on the mountain, you remember? But they were not allowed to settle there. And when the Jerusalem community settled down as a more or less established community, being more and more comfortable in their beautiful and wonderful fellowship, the Lord of history let Jerusalem's walls fall, and God's people were scattered like helpless chickens scared away from the mother hen. But that was the salvation of the Christian community. Again, it had become the *pilgrim* people. And after the time of the Apostles, the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread all over the then-known world, and it has been said the Gospel of Christ spread through a band of nobodies. There were slaves, servants, illiterates, but they were God's Pilgrim People.

And I think we can say with some amount of truth that this was true of the early Methodist movement. Driven by the power of the living Lord to become the wandering pilgrim people, carrying with them the Gospel of a new life in Christ across the rivers, over the moors of England, crossing treacherous seas and violent

streams, facing angry mobs and sometimes even persecution. Wherever Methodists went, there was God's pilgrim people. They were not the only ones, but they were God's people on the move. Wherever a Methodist family or group settled, there developed a power center. There was prayer, there was Bible study, there was fellowship, there was care and love within the group and to the people who were outside in the great community. And more often than not, living communities of faith developed.

And later on the pioneering circuit riders followed the westward stream always with the people in the dawn of this country as far as that goes. The pilgrim people were there, and there . . . and there. Driven by an inner compulsion, the pilgrim people were there, enlarging the living body of Christ by all means, in all places, at all times.

A new pilgrim people emerged. Common men and women, immigrants, coming out of their difficult situations in their homelands, sometimes persecution, found a living Lord on these shores. And returning to the old country they brought with them Methodism and a dynamic living faith which they had received by means of this movement. That was its strength and its power.

And further on there emerged men and women with a calling so compelling that they had to go to strange and unknown lands, sometimes treacherous shores and hostile people. Many of them barely reached their destinations before succumbing to killing diseases, but God's people were there. God raising up new men and women to carry on, and so Methodism was a means of spreading faith to many continents, to all of them, sometimes slow, sometimes faster, sometimes rather easy, sometimes under great tribulations and even persecution. But how? By the grace of God they had become the pilgrim people.

And even today our United Methodist Church is found all over the world, a true ecumenical body in the real sense of the word, crossing barriers of nations, of cultures, of peoples, of races, of languages and many other barriers that men have built among themselves, dividing God's created people into segments and fragments. The Methodists in all the world are one people where everybody needs everybody in a living fellowship. This is not an exclusive body: we are a part of the greater complex, but still we are what I said we are.

But when I come this far in my meditation upon this theme, a question arises in my mind. But are we still the dynamic pilgrim people of the Living Lord? Are we still compelled by the driving force of the spirit of power? Are we still a pilgrim people actively living under the command, "Go, tell, preach repentance and

forgiveness of sins in His name to all nations." Do we still say as did Peter, "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." All who believe have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, but we still live under the promise, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." God's people must first become something before they can do something.

I heard a Christian leader from Africa once say, "The trouble with you westerners is you try to do so much before you become something." And there might be something to that. We need today not revivalism, nor romanticism, but we need revival. The greatest need of man and woman is today as it has always been—to be reconciled to God, and in order to be reconciled among men, we must be reconciled with God first. Call it what you will, conversion, born again, commitment to Christ, finding Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, encountering the Ground of my being, call it whatever you want to—the name doesn't matter, but the thing is, my friends, do we give the people the *real* thing, do we ourselves have the *real* thing? We are caught up in phrases and phraseology and clichés, names and name-calling, and in the process we are losing that which is the essence itself. God, the living God revealed in the life and hearts of men, driving anew to witness, and driving them to serve, driving them to be living witnesses to men, for men and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Serving, having compassion, love and feeling with them, living with each and everyone created by God.

We do not need sensational ecstasies or emotionalism, though both ecstasy and emotion must be involved. If God does not have that part of our life, He doesn't have us. The deeper motivations lie deep down in our subconscious. We think we are guided by our logic and reason, but I must agree with the man who said, "People know what is right, why don't they do it?" Because there are forces within us, the motivating force which is deep in our life—emotional life also.

But God wants a people so filled with love and power that they must go, they must become a pilgrim people. Again you may call it whatever you want, a second blessing, baptism in the Holy Spirit, sanctification, Christian perfection, and all the other names you might find to talk about this. What matters is whether we live and constantly receive the fullness of the spirit of God. The Book of Acts is really the acts of the Holy Spirit, more than anything else, and it is amazing to read again and again through the whole book, "and then they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they preached the word of God with power." It was

something once upon a time, something continuous, something that belonged to the living relationship with God and with men.

Preoccupation with what is structural or institutional, whether you are for or against them, is too often a sign of spiritual anemia, as is activism without the truly "activizing" power of God through His Spirit. Now God *is* love. The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of love. The one who loves God must love his neighbor as well. This is as true as the apple tree has to bear apples. This love is not romantic sentimentalism, nor activism, nor exclusivism. We are confusing the real thing with all these aspects. No, it is all inclusive and the criteria for testing. The spirits are not the gifts, whether they be natural or extraordinary, but it is in the fruits of the Spirit. Jesus said, "By their fruits shall ye know them." Whether that be spiritual fruits, fruits in the terms of love, compassion, suffering or whatever that may be.

But you may perhaps say, is this not fleeing into the non-worldly and isolated pietism? Not at all. John Wesley said, "You have nothing to do but to save souls." And a lot of people stop there. Have we forgotten that he was the man who served the man who was condemned to be hanged? He fought for defense of the prisoners of war who were dying in the terrible dungeons in England. He was the one who organized knitting rooms for widows who had no means of support. He fought smuggling, the robbing of shipwrecks which usually involved killing the survivors. He fought slavery and what they called the "liquid fire of the dram," and he was the one who said, "There is no religion except social religion."

Now I think my people, the people called Methodists, to whom I belong, need to see this total picture of our father, John Wesley, because I think he had found something, not for us to copy, but to learn from. So, therefore, many of us would never have been here if somebody hadn't gone—perhaps all of us—and it is our task to serve the present age, to be the pilgrim people all over the world, building community among us, between us, that all people, getting the priorities right—if not necessarily in time so in importance—and living a relationship with a living Lord, creating living relationships with men and women all over the world, in order that we may be a pilgrim people empowered for victory in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS
By Bishop Roy C. Nichols, Pittsburgh Area

"Dimensions of Discipleship"

We Shall Be

There is an old Afro-American spiritual which has words that go like this:

"My Lord is so high you can't get over him
My Lord is so wide you can't get around him
He's so low you can't get under him . . ."

What a wonderful way to describe Divine proportions.

I can recall in a Baptist Church, dear to my childhood, when we celebrated the Holy Communion we would always sing the hymn:

"Beloved, beloved,
We are the sons of God
And it doth not yet appear
What we shall be . . ."

Surely the aspirations and commitments of this General Conference are to what, under God, "we shall be." Since Jesus is the incarnation of that God whom we describe so luminously, then all of us who are engaged in this pilgrimage and this discipleship are involved in a journey of immeasurable dimensions.

Freedom: The First Dimension

The first dimension of our discipleship is freedom. No doubt you have heard the story of the teacher who took her Sunday School class on a swimming party. The day was warm and the young people were enthusiastic. When they arrived at the pool they were anxious to get in the water. The teacher gathered the group about her to give them the rules and guidelines, typical "do's" and "don'ts." Then at the signal they all took the plunge; except one lad who was standing closest to her. She looked down at him and said, "Henry, why don't you jump?" With a quivering voice, he looked up at her and said, "Because you're standing on my flippers."

Jesus Christ Frees and Unites

The recent meeting of the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Nairobi, Kenya, took the general theme: "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites." At the opening session, we were addressed by a number of African speakers who greeted the

Assembly. One of them was Burgess Carr, Executive Director of the All-Africa Council of Churches. He said to us: "Unless we are free, we cannot be united."

Jesus Christ in his life, his cross and in his resurrection, gave us back the birthright of our freedom which had been corrupted through Adam and the hereditary addiction to sin by the whole human family. Saint Paul, who fully participated in that liberating influence of Christ, said, "He (Christ) hath freed me from the law of sin and death." Martin Luther, in the 16th Century, broke the church's imprisoning shell with his emphasis on justification by faith, the priesthood of all believers, and the central authority of the word of God. Thomas Jefferson would hardly have been able to find the words to say, nor would his listeners have been able to understand that we are "endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights," if it had not been for the prior declarations which emanated from the faith "once delivered to the saints."

We have been endowed with the divine right to pursue liberty, to pursue freedom and to pursue happiness, unencumbered and unhindered. This is what all the Henry's, the Ho's, the Jose's, the Hatsuka's and the Hiawatha's of The United Methodist Church are saying. We cannot fully contribute to this discipleship unless our "flippers" are free.

Equal Opportunity: The Second Dimension

The second dimension of our discipleship is equal opportunity. A woman was calling long distance. She dialed her number and a man answered the phone on the other end. With some excitement she exclaimed, "Is June there?" There was a long pause and then the man responded: "Lady, I don't know where you're calling from, but where I am it's still January." In the field of ethnic and race relations in the United States of America today the chill factor is far lower than the thermometer reading. Now that we have reached the threshold where at least some negotiable statements have been made to offer guarantees of equality, a racist society has a tendency to change the rules in order to frustrate the possibility of total involvement and participation in authority and responsibility.

One weary suburbanite, after coming home one night, flopped down in his chair, looked at his wife. After a lifetime of pursuing status symbols, he said: "Honey, every time we catch up with the Joneses, they refinance." And this is the persistent tendency in church and state; to alter the game plan, to change the rules, in order to negate the possibility of total involvement and the total expression of the fullness of equal opportunity.

Apostolic Church Problems

The Apostolic Church was confronted with at least two problems that are still with us. The first is recorded in the Book of Acts in the 6th chapter. The Greeks, you recall, accused the Jewish Christian establishment of discrimination in administering aid to the widows. The apostles had to deal with this confrontation. They appointed an integrated commission of deacons on religion and race in order to raise the level of trust in the Christian community and to keep everybody honest in the Jerusalem Christian society.

The second problem is recorded in the 15th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Saint Paul, as you recall, a sophisticated Jew who had been miraculously converted by the grace of God, was receiving into the Christian family Gentiles without forcing them to submit to the ordinances of the Jews. Because of this, his ministry was suspect. Peter, on the other hand, who some have characterized as the father of the church, had placed the Jewish ordinances on par with grace. But, praise the Lord, at a meeting in Jerusalem God opened up their eyes. They began to see that Christ is the center of unity in the church. But their agreement could hardly be described as an invitation to pluralism by some definitions of the word. It was more an interim statement of priorities. In fact, you recall, before they left the meeting they did agree to some secondary formulations that had to do with idols and with human sexuality.

If we describe our fellowship in terms of a diversity which begins and converges in Christ, that is one thing. But if our description of pluralism ends up in a parallelism, the effect is not only divisive but heretical. We will resegregate and reisolate ourselves behind labels of our own fashioning. Suspicion and distrust then increase rather than diminish in the life of the church. We are freed by Christ to be united in Christ.

Responsibility: The Third Dimension

The third dimension of our discipleship is responsibility. Whatever predates all else we do, the achievement of freedom and the realization of equal opportunity, the objective of all of this is to empower the people of God in the mission of saving the world. This is our reason for being if we are indeed imbued with that spirit of discipleship to which Christ has commissioned us.

We are called to be agents of reconciliation. We need make no extraordinary point of this. It has been too well spoken already by so many speakers who have come to this platform. But we must emphasize at least the aspect of our reconciliation ministry in bringing people to the Christian understanding of God. For

now with boldness we approach the throne of grace. We have been freed from our fears and given liberty through the power of God's redeeming love. In Christ, we learn to love God and to be loved by God without fear.

With this new empowerment we are now capable of loving each other completely without fear. For since God has taught us the secret of the miracle of community, we are now capable of sharing the meaning of that community with the brothers and the sisters whom we have learned to love. *We are called to responsibility to care and to share.* This is not a suggestion. It is a commandment. (Hebrews 13:16) And *we are called to perfection.* Nothing less.

One of the apprehensions and fears I have heard expressed, not always with the lips, sometimes by the raising of the eyebrow: will involvement of ethnic minorities in the life of the church to their fullest tend to lower the standards? Nothing that I have seen at the seat of this General Conference gives any justification to that fear. In fact, the total participation of the total strength of the church, with its beautiful plethora of colors and faces, dialects and languages, are not only enriching us in terms of our looks but in raising the standards of excellence in the life of this Christian community as well.

In the category of our responsibility, we have been charged to be the *advocates of the oppressed.* When Jesus stood up in the synagogue at Nazareth and read from the 61st chapter of the Book of Isaiah the Prophet, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me for he hath sent me to preach deliverance . . ." he laid upon the shoulders of each of us the obligation to be the advocate and the friend of the poor and of the oppressed.

Frederick Douglass was one of the remarkable men who gave great assistance during the difficult period when the States were wavering between peace and war. When negotiations broke down, wearily Douglass admitted that unredeemed men and women who possess power, privilege, and domination will not surrender that power or privilege without a struggle. "They never have and they never will," he added. No wonder the weight is so heavy upon us, in this business of saving the world, so that redeemed men and women may possess the capability of resolving their differences without prolonged violence and the aggravation of war.

During the days when the sun was high and the heat was intense in the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Martin Luther King was approached on both sides, by friend and foe, asking him to "cool it and have a little patience." After a thoughtful retreat, Dr. King returned with a book which bore the title "Why We Can't

Wait." "We can't wait," he said in substance, "because waiting is always interpreted, by those who hold the power, that the oppressed are satisfied with their situation." Confrontation is inevitable. Hence, the Christian must assist and advocate the cause of the poor and the oppressed; so help us God!

The only active bishop of this Council of Bishops who could not answer roll call at this General Conference is Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, the bishop of Rhodesia, the country now referred to as Zimbabwe. A few weeks ago my wife and I were visiting with him in Lourenco Marques in Mozambique on the distant coast of Africa. We spent two evenings together. We prayed, we sang, we shared. What a beautiful spirit! What a giant of a man! And what a privilege for us United Methodists to have a man like this at the helm during these difficult days in Southern Africa.

There is no way I could make concessions to the oppressive practices which I saw and the subtleties of dehumanization so prevalent in that region of the world. "Bishop," I said to him, with my wife sharing the conversation, "it seems that conditions are deteriorating. Every indication seems to be moving irrevocably toward violence." "Roy," he said, "you know I have spent my whole life and ministry as head of the African National Council trying to bring about a peaceful settlement, a reconciliation through concession and dialogue. But," he said, "I have failed." "If violence comes," he continued, "it will be tragic. But if it does come, I will have to accept it as an act of self-defense."

Listening to his fateful words was like sitting in a hotel room waiting for the other shoe to fall in the room above. Then the words of Frederick Douglass became more poignant than ever. Is it true that men and women who possess power and dominion will never surrender without a struggle? If that is true, then I join in camaraderie with my brother Bishop in Zimbabwe and pray God's favor upon the outcome of his cause.

A New Nation

In the next thirty years, 25% of the population increase in the United States will consist of immigrants and their offspring coming from Asia, southern Europe, Latin America and Africa. Add to that a proportionate increase in the number of Afro-Americans who, sometime beyond the turn of the century, will be moving toward 13% of the population of the United States of America. And add to that the residual ethnic and racial minorities and the native Americans who are a part of our company; then we can see the emerging prophecy of the future regarding the composition of this country.

In less than a hundred years, in all probability, we will become

the most multi-racial nation on the face of the earth. The implications for both church and state are clear. The issue is no longer simply a tea-sipping approach to brotherhood. It has something to do with Christian credibility and the survival of the nation.

Bahalana

In our Council of Bishops we have Bishop Granadosin of the Philippines. He led our worship service in the Council meeting some months ago. He flavored his presentation with a phrase that is used in the Philippines by his people when the Christian community meets. Before they speak a word, they shake hands and say, "Bahalana." "Bahalana" translated means, "Let God decide."

Members of this General Conference, as we begin to engage in the heat of debate in perfecting our community of faith, we need to let Christ decide the model of our personal and public morality, ethics and values. We need to let the Bible be our rules of order. We need to let the Holy Spirit take governance over our voting. We need to let God decide the dimensions of this discipleship! His choice will be our blessing.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. So be it. Let us pray:

> Almighty God, grant to this company, as we begin a week of arduous labor, a sense of the brooding of thy spirit upon us, within us and through us. Help us to understand that this is no ordinary assembly of ordinary people; but those committed to the fullness of that discipleship we have discovered in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O Lord, that we may be sensitive; that all we do may be pleasing in thy sight. So be it.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS

By Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy, Seattle Area

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

About a year ago it was my privilege on behalf of the Council of Bishops in the United States to visit in Southeast Asia. While there I was invited to speak and to preach in various churches. On one occasion, after I had preached, I was feeling particularly good because as I looked around the congregation I saw people seemingly just hanging on my words. They were just enthralled, so I thought, and as I was standing with my host shaking hands

with those who were leaving the church, I noticed that someone was coming who had not taken her eyes off of me. I thought that I was going to get some kind of compliment, and very quickly I thought of the humble things that I would say in response. I didn't need to because her first words were, "I didn't understand you. I have trouble with your American accent." I realize that I am speaking to not only Americans from the 50 states of our country, but also to United Methodists and other Methodists from as many nations, and if my accent is American to those of you who are not Americans, I hope you will not have too much difficulty with what I say and with how I say it.

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known of our Lord's parables. Our sympathies are aroused by the plight of the victim. Our admiration is awakened by the generous compassion of the Samaritan. Our tendency to side with the underdog is satisfied by the juxtaposition of the despised Samaritan, who was humane, and the two representatives of the establishment, who were callous and self-centered. So this is not only a well-known parable, it is an attractive one. Many of you, perhaps most of you, have spoken on it, both the lay and clergy. Nevertheless, let your minds meander along with mine as your ears listen to this voice giving sound to these thoughts that are generated by this parable which our Lord told in answer to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" And Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers." That was in the first century. Let's ask it now, the 20th century. What shall I do to inherit eternal life? And then Jesus tells of something that happens to people, and then "who is our neighbor?"

"Who is our neighbor, Lord?"

A woman was on her way from Canton to San Francisco. She ran into the Chinese exclusion laws and was detained at Angel Island in the middle of San Francisco Bay. This was the Ellis Island of the West. One eyewitness described this station in these words: "Ever since the establishment of this wooden shed at the wharf, the mistreatment received by us Chinese confined there was worse than for jailed prisoners. The walls were covered with poems of lament. Traces of tears soaked the floor. There were even those who could not stand the cruel abuse and took their own lives. The ropes they used to hang themselves can still be seen. Now, we have been moved and will be confined on a barren island by the seashore." This Chinese woman was placed there for twenty months from 1938 to 1939. After a year's detention she wrote to her mother back in Canton, "It has been over a year since I left our home village. Since that time I have

cried a bowl of tears. Although you drilled me well in preparation for the immigration authorities, I could tell they did not believe I was truly married to a merchant in the Big City (San Francisco). And the many questions they asked of distances between houses in our villages and the number of steps in the village temple caused me to have bad dreams for many days after the interrogation was over. Then to find out I hardly answered certain questions wrong, and as a result have been barred from the Golden Mountains. My husband has hired a lawyer to appeal my case, but he could not assure me when it will be all over. Meanwhile, I sit here and thinking the same thoughts as a previous occupant of this room who wrote this poem on the wall:

'Today is the end of winter:
Tomorrow morn, the vernal equinox.
One year's prospects change to another.
But melancholy is killing me in this wooden building.'"

"Who is my neighbor, Jesus?"

A migrant farm worker was on his way to work in some of the richest farm lands in the country, of the world for that matter. These farms produce the food to make the United States the best-fed nation in history. This man and his fellow-workers put food in great variety and abundance on our tables. However, this is not true for the worker and his family. They are undernourished. Some of his fellow-workers are so poor they can't even get enough cash together to buy the government food stamps. They exist on a diet of starches and water. Their housing is substandard with no indoor plumbing. Health care is almost non-existent. Yet, farm workers are four times more likely to have job-related accidents than workers in other industries. The life span of the average farm worker is 49 years as compared to 70 years for other Americans. The average adult male migrant has received 6.2 years of schooling. The average migrant child drops out of school at the age of 12 years to help with the family's support. Traditionally, farm workers have received little attention from state and federal legislators, except as laws are passed to exclude them from benefits taken for granted in most other industry. For example, they do not have the protection needed under law to choose their own labor union. Farm workers are specifically excluded from coverage under the National Labor Relations Act. So the worker and his fellows wanted to organize. For this he was beaten, fired from his job, and he drifted with his family from the substandard housing without plumbing.

"Who is my neighbor?"

There was a mother and a father. They sent their daughter off to college with great pride and expectations for her. This was during the years of an undeclared and an unpopular war. A new development in that war caused the students to demonstrate against it. The National Guard was brought in to break it up; shots were fired. Four students, including their daughter, were killed. The FBI investigated the incident and reported that the shooting was not necessary. A Presidential Commission concluded the same thing. Nevertheless, the State government said, the case was closed. The President's Attorney General said the case was closed.

Why did it happen? Why was there a conspiracy of silence? Why were the doors of justice being closed? And the mother asked, "When we go to her grave, what do we say? Do we say, 'There is no justice. No one cares that you are dead?'" As the father said, they "felt alone and helpless."

"Who is my neighbor?"

There was a man. He left his village in Luzon to find work in the city. He found work with an American librarian and artist. Next door was an American teacher. Though his eyesight was poor, he learned to read and he loved it. He learned about America, "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Abraham Lincoln was a hero to him. Richard Wright's writings interested him, intrigued him, inspired him. America was where he wanted to go. Journalism was what he wanted to do. An education was what he wanted to get. He worked hard to earn enough money to come to America by steerage. There in the steerage, on his bunk, he went for days without food. He was seasick and lonely. And after weeks in that stuffy, hot, smelly hold, suffering through sickness, narrowly missing an epidemic of meningitis, he arrived in Seattle. Intermittently and haphazardly, he got some schooling but it was a school of hard knocks that made some lasting impressions on him. He worked in fishing canneries in Alaska and fishing canneries in San Pedro. He worked in farms and orchards in the Yakima Valley in the state of Washington, the Willamette Valley in the state of Oregon, the Great Central Valley in the state of California. In all those states there were union bosses, labor contractors, gambling operators, rooming house managers, pimps and prostitutes, policemen, under-sheriffs. He was rolled and robbed by them. He was beaten and crippled by them. He wrote, "I came to know afterward that in many ways it was a crime to be a Filipino in California. I came to know that the public streets were not free to my people. We were stopped each time these vigilant patrolmen saw us driving a car. We were suspect each time we were seen

with a white woman. And perhaps it was this narrowing of our life into an island, into a filthy segment of American society, that had driven Filipinos inward, hating everyone and despising all positive urgencies toward freedom." One unforgettable night he saw how this was with his older brother. The brother had come to America many years earlier. They had lost touch with each other. Then he found out where his brother was. Hear him tell it. "I opened a door quietly and entered. I heard him talking to a man in one of the rooms upstairs. When I reached the landing, a hard blow fell on my head. I rolled on the floor. Then I saw him with a gun in his hand, poised to strike at my head again. Standing behind him was my brother, Amado, holding a long-bladed knife. I scrambled to my feet screaming, 'Brother, it is me. It is Allos. Remember?' My brother told his friend to stop. He came near me, walking around me suspiciously. He stepped back and folded the blade of the knife. There was some doubt yet on his face. 'I am your brother,' I said again, holding back the tears in my eyes. 'I am Allos! Remember the village of Mangusmana? Remember when you beat our carabao in the rain? When you touched my head then ran to Binalonan? Remember, Amado?' I was not only fighting for my life, but also for a childhood bond that was breaking. Frantically I searched in my mind for other remembrances of the past which might remind him of me, reestablish a bridge between him and my childhood."

"If you *really* are my brother, tell me the name of our mother." "Our mother's name is Meteria," I said. "That is what the people call her, but her real name is Autilia Sampayan." Slowly, recognition came, and tearful reunion!

"Who is my neighbor?"

There was a family who lived on Terminal Island, Southern California. On the morning of December 7, 1941, the father and brothers were in their new boat along with other fishermen in twenty or twenty-five other boats. They were part of the commercial fishing fleet of San Pedro harbor. The mother and sisters, along with other women, stood in the warm southern California sun, waving goodbye. As was their custom, they were keeping their vigil until the fleet would slip over the edge of the horizon. But this time they did not disappear. They kept floating out there. "They're coming back!" cried mother. "Why?" Then the word came. The Japanese Imperial Air Force had bombed Pearl Harbor. All fishermen of Japanese ancestry were ordered to turn back. The father had lived in the United States for over thirty years. He was a taxpayer and a law abiding resident. But the law at that time prohibited Asians from naturalization. By hard work and frugality he had been able to put a good down

payment on this new $25,000 boat. It was radio-equipped for ship-to-shore communications. A few days later, he was arrested as an alien with a sea-going, electronically equipped boat. The next time the family heard from him he was in a Federal penitentiary in the Midwest. The family was not to see him again for a year. Meanwhile, with a few days' notice, the family along with other Japanese folk along the Pacific Coast—including American citizens—were rounded up and herded into Manzanar, sleeping in barracks, eating in mess halls. Four years later, when the war was over and they were allowed to leave, the family ties had been loosened. Their home was lost. The boat had been repossessed. Their business wiped out!

"Who is my neighbor?"

There was a woman on her way home from work. She was tired and her feet hurt. The bus was almost full, but there was one seat in front. She sat down and my! it felt good. But only for a second. For the driver was yelling at her to move to the back! That's where the black folks were supposed to go. She refused. You know the rest of the story.

"Who is my neighbor?"

Several Native American Indian chiefs went to Walla Walla for a Council meeting. They were of the Yakima Tribe and they went with great reluctance. But in 1850 Congress enacted the Donation Act, inviting settlers to come to the Yakima territories. The way of life of the settlers and that of the Indians were quite different. As the Yakimas put it, "My Mother is the Earth; my Father, the Light. When I die, my body returns to my Mother and my spirit to my Father." They, understandably, did not want to surrender the land to a people who *plowed* the soil. But the pressure was too much. Finally, the leaders of the Yakima Nation agreed to meet with the representatives of the United States government. For two weeks they met. The chiefs listened, but spoke little. When called upon, one of them responded, "What shall I do? Shall I give the land which is part of my body and leave myself poor and destitute? My people are far away; they do not know your words; I cannot give you an answer." Finally, with utmost reluctance, tired of the talking, the waiting, and wanting to return home, the chiefs signed the Yakima Treaty on the ninth of June, ceding to the United States 16,920 square miles of their old homeland, reserving for themselves 1,872 square miles for their exclusive use and benefit. In return they were promised $140,000, retainment of the Wenatshapam fishery, and fishing rights at all the usual and accustomed places.

The treaty was signed in 1855 with the understanding that it was not to go into effect until the United States Senate had

ratified it and the President had signed it, which was done in 1859. But as soon as word got out about the preliminary signing, the white men came into reserved land as well as the other. And 120 years later, the echo of Chief Kamiakin's words about the treaty at the Walla Walla Council still haunt us: "Perhaps you have spoken straight, that your children will do what is right. Let them do as you have promised. That is all I have to say."

The man in our Lord's parable was beaten up, robbed and left behind on the road between Jerusalem and Jericho. The woman on Angel Island, the migrant farm worker, the mother and father of the slain student, the man from Luzon, the family who got shipped to Manzanar, the woman on the bus, the Chiefs of the Yakima Nation.

A woman, a man, father and mother, daughters, sons, *persons*, they were all left behind, too. Some were actually beaten physically, others figuratively and emotionally so. Some lost property and land. Others were denied justice and their civil rights. All of them were abused, oppressed, and victimized. This was perpetrated by individuals, by groups, by the system.

Like the priest and Levite in that parable told in the first century, we church people of today sometimes pass by on the other side.

But, praise God! not always.

There was a Methodist deaconess who became known as the Angel on Angel Island. The churches of California paid a dear price in supporting the farm workers. Glenn Olds told us Sunday night of the six Methodist preachers who stood in front of the Japanese American home right after Pearl Harbor ready to lay down their lives for the residents inside. The father of the slain student said to a group of United Methodists, "You came to us when we were abandoned." And there are other instances. But there are too many occasions when we do pass by on the other side. For these and many other concerns are social and political and controversial. Furthermore, they are so complex. And we know the solutions offered have not always worked. Involvement sometimes embarrasses us, or worse.

These concerns also seem to have little to do with religion. Our business, we are reminded, is to proclaim the gospel, and the gospel is, "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Luke is the only Evangelist to tell of the parable of the Good Samaritan. He joins with Matthew and Mark in recording another occasion when someone concerned with eternal life wanted to ask him about that, with almost the identical words,

"Good teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

It is true, isn't it, that there are more people interested in personal salvation? "What shall *I* do to inherit eternal life?" It was true then. It is true now.

This man that asked of our Lord recounts his disciplined life, how he had observed the Commandments from his youth. However, he did not mention the one about loving your neighbor as yourself. And Jesus suggested that he give thought to those poor neighbors in need, liquidate his assets and help them, and Luke records, "When he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich."

Mark records it this way, "At that saying his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful."

The expectations of God as revealed in Christ are not always easy to live up to. To act the part of a good neighbor is to be concerned for the neighborhood, and that means society as a whole. Bishop Fred G. Holloway said to the Council in November, 1974, "Once the world was a little community in which we lived, and now the whole world is a community. John Wesley said that the world was his parish. The word parish comes from the Greek word which means 'neighborhood.' Now we know that the whole universe is a neighborhood."

Are people asking what to do to inherit eternal life? Is the Church, the Body of Christ, trying to answer that question?

Jesus told about a man who fell among robbers and was beaten and robbed, about two churchmen who passed by on the other side; and then about the third man who interrupted his own business, risked being robbed himself, and gave generous help.

And Jesus said to him who questioned him, "Go, and do likewise." Is our Lord saying to us, "Go, and do likewise"?

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS

By Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Dallas-Ft. Worth Area

"And Gladly Teach"

Wasn't that tremendous? We have heard the Gospel this morning. We rejoice in hearing it. Thank you, very much, choir. I am very proud of our black colleges, and very grateful for what the United Methodist Church is doing through our black colleges, and this is but—well, it's an illustration of what I am talking about today. Our Scripture is found in the 28th chapter of

Matthew, the 19th and 20th verses. It's Jesus speaking, the last words that he spoke before he left the earth. Because of the great commission, we might call it the last commandment. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always."

I don't often turn on television, and television doesn't often turn me on, but recently there was a poignant moment—I'm not talking about the Super Bowl or the Dallas Cowboys—my team lost; if they had won, I might preach on that—I'm not talking about anything Mr. Reagan or Mr. Ford or Mr. Carter said—I'm talking about when there was the award of the Oscars and Louise Fletcher, winning the outstanding actress award for the year for her part in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," in her statement of appreciation, suddenly began to move her hands and her fingers and began to speak on her hands, and we did not know then that her parents were deaf. Sitting and watching in Birmingham, Alabama, her father a minister, but she spoke on her hands to them and said to them, "Thank you for teaching me to have a dream. You're seeing my dream come true."

Well, Jesus taught the world to have a dream. A dream—what was it? A dream of a world where the kingdoms of men shall become the Kingdom of God; where the people shall become the people of God. But how did it come about? He gave another simple answer to that, and it was the last words that he gave. He said, it comes about by making disciples.

But how does that happen? He gives a threefold suggestion. He says it is by sacrament; he says it is by word; he says it is by presence. The sacrament—go baptize. Here the grace of God and the faith of a person come together in the sacrament of baptism, where the grace of God washes clean, and the faith of a person accepts the acceptance of God.

By sacrament, by word—go teach. What do you teach? You teach the Word. And what is the Word? The Word is Jesus Christ. In the '50's we flourished for we received many decisions. In the '60's we floundered because we had not made disciples. Teach.

And the third is the presence. Lo, I am with you always. And what is he doing? Just making us feel good, so we can go and say I have experienced Him and I'm just having a wonderful time? Indeed, not. That may be a side effect, but that is not the main purpose. He is still in his ministry, moving through the incarnation of human beings like you and me. Making disciples. Well, for our purposes today, I would have you recognize that if

there are to be disciples, right in the midst of his instruction he tells us there must be teaching. No teaching, no disciples. No faith, no disciples. No presence, no disciples. But we are zeroing in on this thing, that if disciples are to be, it is going to be partly because the story has been told, the faith has been taught.

The question we raise is, "Have we been faithful to the Command, the last Command, of our Lord?" Historically we have been very faithful. Philip William Otterbein received his theological education at the University of Herrborn in Germany before he came to the new world to be a missionary and to be used of God as one of the founders of the United Brethren in Christ Church. He was a Biblical scholar and brought his scholarship with him. John Wesley, a don at Oxford, a fellow of Lincoln College, a classical and Biblical scholar, speaking five languages, reading seven or eight languages, always reading his New Testament in the Greek; and he never separated those things that his brother would include in the hymn we sang which was first sung at the opening of Kingswood College, Kingswood School; "Let us unite the two so long divided, disjoined, knowledge and vital piety."

Wesley once declared: "The Methodists may be poor, but there is no need they should be ignorant." And when asked what would happen to Methodism after his death, he replied: "That will depend on the education and religious instructions of the children of the Methodists." Wesley's commitment to education is clearly revealed in literally hundreds of books, pamphlets, and tracts that he wrote and digested and published for the people called Methodists.

His enthusiasm for learning was caught at the Christmas Conference in 1784 where this handful of 60 ministers pledged from their own meager stipend of $64 per year, five thousand dollars for the founding of a college. One of the first acts of a church being faithful to Wesley, but faithful to our Lord and his last command. Since that time these five bodies which now make up The United Methodist Church have founded more than one thousand institutions of learning. No other denomination anywhere in the world has a record such as this. Today there are one hundred and twenty-two institutions related to The United Methodist Church, including seven universities, 81 four-year colleges, 19 two-year colleges, two professional schools, and 13 theological seminaries. The oldest college for women is in Macon, Georgia, Wesleyan College, where in 1836 the school was founded for the training of young women. The Black Colleges of United Methodism have produced a phenomenal number of great black leaders for the Church and for our society.

Possibly the greatest educational work we have done has not been within the United States but across the world where missionaries have gone to preach and to teach. For 125 years we have founded educational institutions, kindergartens, schools, colleges, teaching hospitals, medical schools, agricultural colleges and universities; and one small sample of the whole educational process is the Crusade Scholarship program where there are heads of state across the world, bishops, professors, administrators, ministers and lay persons providing leadership because we believed that we must train the minds of the peoples of the world. If we are now being able to feed more people, part of it is because we have been concerned about teaching people about seed and soil and sun, to dig wells and to plant crops. The answer is not complete, but without the education hunger would be more rampant than it is. We have been deeply and profoundly committed to higher education throughout our history, but we have been equally committed to other kinds of education, especially the Sunday School. Education, we have believed, is for all ages.

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There are four thoughts about that. Women experience being in Christ as liberating grace. Margaret Sonnenday, the president of Church Women United in this country, wrote, "Most precious to me is the assurance of God's grace and its availability. To me this means," she said, "that God loves me when I least deserve to be loved. That God accepts me as I am in so many ways unacceptable. That God forgives me, again and again, when I fall short of my commitments. That every new day I have a new chance, a fresh start, to try again. It is this grace which gives me the courage to attempt to do more than I am able to do and to become more than I can ever become. God's grace frees me to dare and to risk." Margaret's witness is typical of many women who experience being in Christ as liberating grace. Gladly, they say, for freedom Christ has set us free.

Again, women experience being in Christ much more in terms of resurrection than in terms of crucifixion. They do not deny the significance of the life and death of Jesus in any complete understanding of God's acts which save. But they have a special love affair with the meaning of Christ risen and alive now. This insight can be gathered by reading carefully a book like Sheila Collins' *A Different Heaven and Earth.* In one portion she writes, "Christ's sacrificial self-giving, His death and crucifixion, are, perhaps, the central elements of the Christian faith. Although we give lip service to Easter and resurrection, that is to life and regeneration, the once a year ritual which is given over to the celebration of life and joy." So many of the nuances in that book move me to conclude that women want to move away from excessive emphasis about the cross and its scape-goat syndrome and toward the celebration of life lived fully and joyfully. They know and feel that life can be lived under the power of the resurrection. There is for them an attunement to hungering and thirsting for life.

Last month in Des Moines, Iowa, I heard them singing, "Yesterday I was bored and lonely, but today, look and see, I belong to the Easter people. Life's exciting to me. Every morning is Easter morning from now on. Everyday is resurrection day. The past is over and gone." So I am saying that women have a special love affair with the resurrection.

And again, women experience being in Christ as being in covenant community. At the closing of a conference for women in West Berlin, Mary Tulip from Australia said, "We have a new community to help us. A healing, supporting community. A community of liberation, a new sisterhood. As we are able to believe in ourselves, to trust each other, and to share our deepest experiences—our hurts, our horrors, our joys—we are no longer

separated by race or class or by sense of lack of worth. In creating a new community of acceptance and wholeness, we are on our way to creating a new world." And have we all noticed the fascination which our United Methodist Women have with their Department of Supportive Community. So being in Christ, for women, means being in covenant community, a community including all who put trust in divine grace.

And yet again women experience their being in Christ as a condition of taking grand risks for the sake of the new world. Elizabeth Rice prayed, "Spirit of God, Holy God, wind of God, fire of God, life of God, anoint us to be a people of your good news. Yoked to break yoke, sighted to bring sight, healed to be healers, struggling to bring release. Make your justice, your work and love real through our lives." So women witness that being in Christ throws them into the thick of things, where movement is, movement that lays claim to new territory for the City of God.

In this, then, I have tried to describe some special accents for the text, "Being in Christ." That is, being in liberating grace, being in the power of the resurrection, being in covenant community, and being in risk-taking ministries.

How, then, can we deal with maleness and femaleness in the church, and how shall we think of this? Three suggestions. First, Christian women hold and hope that freedom in Christ is available and will be claimed by either male or female. That is they hold and hope for the enrichment that comes to persons from women being women in Christ and from men being men in Christ. Thus women are free to be women, and men are free to be men. That's the diversity.

Sheila Collins, in discussing how to exorcise the patriarchal demon in a male-dominated church, wrote a paragraph that reveals some of the riches that will be available where either women or men are free in Christ. Listen for the diversity of the gifts which she lists. She said, "Patriarchal thought is characterized by being objective, rather than subjective, rational rather than intuitive, linear rather than circular or organic, logical rather then mystical, dissecting rather than unifying, abstract rather than concrete. Patriarchal behavior is cool and unemotional rather than warm and emotive, although I suppose we doubt that now, expedient rather than purposeless, aggressive rather than passive, unreflective rather than reflective. Patriarchal institutions tend to be ordered along hierarchical chains of command or lines of authority, rather than being communical and anarchical. They are exclusive rather than inclusive, goal-directed rather than maintenance-oriented."

To take that paragraph and make it a list of female and male characteristics is to oversimplify reality. For it is clear that in our changing society there are many patriarchal women as well as men, and many men who exhibit feminine characteristics as well as women. But the church and the world will be the better for the full and free expression of either female or male characteristics and women seem to understand the difference is beautiful. Women do not need to see men as enemies and men do not need to see women as enemies. Both are present, and both being present can be free.

So we ought to understand in this the profound interest in the value of the individual, whether female or male. In North Vietnam in the city of Hanoi, at the site where the carpet bombing was executed at Christmas time, a statue has been erected of a mother—a Vietnamese mother standing taller than any woman in the world, holding a child in her arms. That is a symbol for me of the value which all of us ought to see in every human being. So we might understand and stand under this text in this way, there is either male or female and we are all one in Christ, and heirs according to the promise.

Second, Christian women hold and hope that freedom in Christ is available and will be claimed by both females and males—that is they hold to and hope for an inclusive church that comes from both females and males participating freely and equally in the formation of the church in the world. That now is not the diversity of it, but the unity of it. The church can no longer ignore the richness of both females and males participating in the covenant making of the church.

On another occasion I wrote, "The United Methodist Church is a community of 11 million individual Christians who are living in covenant with one another." Covenants help United Methodists to know who they are as a Christian community, and in their working out these covenants help United Methodists to know how and where they are in mission together. The covenant community is a construct of many separate contracts. And I understand women in the church to be saying that they have been too much left out of the contract making events for too long, far too long. They want the scriptures, the hymns, the liturgies, the Book of Discipline and especially the mission to give evidence that females and males are in this church together. This is more than problem of semantics. It is for all of us a matter of being real about how life in the church is and how it must be expressed. Greta Schumm, one of the pages here at this Conference and at Iliff School of Theology, wrote a poem. She called it the Future Breaking In, and this is what she said, "It is more than that you

know, more than deciding who opens the door; who chairs the committee; who waxes the floor or allowing the woman to speak in a sacred place. The vision is just stirring in the shell, and requires a tearing, a breaking up of pieces, a release from the past. The vision is woman turning into woman and man turning into man who had rather care than compete, who spends some time listening, who writes sister or brother instead of Dear Sir. Who give up their life for each other, feeding, healing, touching. Forgetting that one was called great and one was called nothing. People free to need each other in the unity of one spirit where each person is the gift and the giver and no one goes without a name."

This accent upon covenant making leads me to say that all of us need to be deeply concerned about the covenants which make the basic unit of society which is the family. In many a place between the east and the west statues have been erected of pioneer families, strong men, strong women and children making their way to the new country. So we might understand and stand under this text in this way, there are both male and female for we are all one in Christ and heirs according to the promise.

Once again Christian women hold and hope that freedom in Christ is available and will be claimed by the whole of humankind. This is now not the diversity of it, or the unity of it, the wholeness of it. Nell Morton, Associate Professor of Christian Education at Drew, spoke about whole theology, and in part this is what she said: "Of one thing we may be sure. Whole theology cannot come out of one group or sex speaking for the whole. Women cannot speak for a whole anymore than men have been able to speak for the whole. A whole theology would envision all of the people speaking out of their own experiences into the process toward full humanness." She goes on, "Long ago the Judeo-Christian tradition envisioned a new history inclusive of all people and at home with the natural universe; peace to replace warring, justice and love to govern human relationships, and a new heaven and a new earth to replace the present competitive exploitative one when God's image in humanity would be actual and apparent. Were the entire human community," she said, "taken with dead seriousness there might be no more temple, for God would be in the midst of the people. A new heaven and a new earth would indeed appear, for the old heaven and the old earth are already in process of disappearing."

In our nation's capital our Women's Division had a large part to play in getting a statue of Mary Bethune placed there in a park, but before they could put that statue up there in Washington they had to turn the statue of Abraham Lincoln around so that he

would be facing the statue of Mary Bethune. That event in the presence of those two statues there say better what I have been trying to say about wholeness than I can say it. There they are, Mary Bethune and Abraham Lincoln who cared deeply about the wholeness of the human family. And I submit this morning that that is maturity. Thinking like this we might understand and stand under the text in this way. There is a wholeness to life for we are all one in Christ and heirs according to the promise.

I want to read in closing Phylis Tyler Wayman's benediction. She said: "Sisters and Brothers, rise for the benediction. Grasp the hands of the persons on either side of you, go forth in the name of the living, caring God, who by nature is female and male. Go forth in the vision in the stories of our foremothers and our forefathers. Go forth to confront all that enslaves the spirits of children, women and men. And go forth rejoicing that we have each other for the renewal of our spirits." There is neither male nor female for we are all one in Christ and heirs according to the promise. What promise? What is that promise to which we are heirs? That promise to which we want to lay claim, not only in this Conference but in the Church. And not only in the Church but in the World. Why the promise is this: for freedom, Christ has set us free. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL ADDRESS

By Bishop James K. Mathews, Washington Area

"That All May Be One"

Let us be silent in the presence of God. Oh, eternal God, show us your word, and your covenant in your word, and your grace in your covenant, and your glory in your grace, and your goodness in your glory, and your love in your goodness, and Yourself in your love. And all in the peace of Jesus Christ in whose name also we pray. Amen.

I remind you that grace is yours and peace from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ. In the midst of the great liturgy of the Russian Orthodox Church there comes a time for the response of the people. With incredible beauty and fervor they sing the Nicene Creed. Among other affirmations they confess: I believe—we believe: one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. We too believe.

To be Wesleyan is to be ecumenical, for we are neither more nor less than a part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

One of its symbols is a little ship surmounted by a cross in the middle of the sea. It has passed through many a storm. It has touched on every shore. Archbishop William Temple said that he believed in such a ship but regretted very much that it did not exist. Surely he must have said this in a rare and passing mood of discouragement, for he also observed that ecumenism was the "great new fact of our time."

Throughout the whole inhabited world in our day God has been renewing His Church. We have been participants in this painful and often slow process. Nevertheless, those who would complain excessively about the shortcomings of the church may well recall that Noah might have found the stench on the inside of the ark unendurable if it had not been for the storm on the outside. As John 17 bears witness, Jesus prayed four times over for the oneness of the church, a unity likened to the oneness of the Father and the Son. Jesus, our High Priest, offered himself in holiness for the church that it might also be holy. The one consecrated church is sent as witness into the whole inhabited world, that the world might believe that Jesus Christ has been sent to it and so that humanity might know that it is indeed loved of God. These petitions of our Lord have not gone unanswered. We are all, without any exception, beneficiaries of his intercession.

Each of these four marks of the church, its oneness, its holiness, its universality, and its sent-ness imply and reinforce each and all of the other marks. Each is a gift of God gratefully to be received by the whole church and is essential to its life. This is a part of our Wesleyan heritage. Therefore, to be United Methodist is to believe one church—this in spite of the fact that ecumenism is reputed to be the least of our concerns.

The New Testament knows but one church, though it may be gathered in Rome or in Corinth or in Ephesus or Epworth or Manila or Portland or anywhere else. With Corinthian Christians St. Paul raised the absurd question: Is Christ divided? It was meant to be answered by a resounding "No!" There is one church, just as there is one body, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. Jesus said to the first disciples, and says to all followers today, "One is your Master, and all you are brothers and sisters."

By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have been taken into the very family of God. How intimate this is may be seen in the fact that three times in the New Testament the word "Abba, Father" is used. It comes to us untranslated from the language of our Lord. It was a term of great warmth and affection, and it was

used only in the bosom of the family, never in prayer. Never, that is, until Jesus dared to use it. Undoubtedly, this is the word uttered when he taught his disciples to say, "Our Father—my Father, who is also your Father." This is a family word binding all who use it into *one* fellowship. It is with this word that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. It is with this word that the spirit witnesses within us that we are indeed children of God.

It is the very intimacy of our given oneness which makes our divided state so scandalous. An extreme example is found in South Africa where the government's policy is based officially on *apartheid,* which literally means separation. There of all places we would suppose that the church would emphasize its unity. But what we find in that land is that the church is more sorely divided than anywhere else on earth, with some 2500 denominations—2500 denominations amid a nation of 20,000,000 people.

In the United States we have for generations taken for granted our divided state. We have brought our denominations with us. We have started new ones here. We have segregated ourselves by language and color. In our denominations we have reflected our sociological differences. Now, at long last, a divided world calls out to us, "Physician, heal thyself."

Last autumn the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches met in Nairobi under the theme, "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites." Most of the delegates knew only a few words of Swahili, one of them was "Uhuru"—freedom, the title of one of Robert Roark's books. The other was "Harambee"—"Shoulder to shoulder we go forth together." When the theme was translated into Swahili, behold, there were our two friends: "Jesus Christ Uhuru (frees) and Harambee (unites)." This is more than a slogan; it is a reality we experience, for Jesus Christ *does* liberate from every shackle. He frees us from the narrowness and parochialism and stifling denominationalism which may characterize us. Then, he unites us in one great fellowship of love. Unity is not a goal we achieve; it is a gift we receive in behalf of all humanity.

As United Methodists we take this gift seriously and seek to be more perfectly one. So it is that we are involved in Christian councils at every level, for the Church is of necessity conciliar and cooperative. We are engaged in conversations with Roman Catholics; with Lutherans; and are planning to do so with our Greek Orthodox friends—for the Christian faith implies a necessity of talking things over. As to organic union, we are ourselves the result of several formal unions, not to mention those in other lands. We are participants in the Consultation on Church Union. For us these are not options but obligations. Long

ago Archbishop Soderblom said of Christian unity, "God wills it—and the world's need requires it." The unity of the church points to the unity of all humankind, for in Jesus Christ finally "all things hold together." God intends that the universe be brought into one in Christ.

Secondly, to be United Methodist is to believe one, holy church. How often during our General Conference have these words echoed within these walls: that we are a people raised up to spread scriptural holiness throughout the lands of earth. However much we may have fallen short in the fulfillment of our intention, somehow we know that this is a demand laid upon us.

Scriptural holiness affirms that God is holy. Scriptural holiness acknowledges that the church is holy because for its sake Jesus consecrated himself. Scriptural holiness insists that God's people are a holy people. Scriptural holiness projects us into a society to "put wrong things right." For we are called to lives of total commitment; we are called to be saints, faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. It is God who makes saints and the world cannot live without them.

Holiness is both God's gift to the church and the task which He assigns to it. We are the guardians of the holy and are supposed to witness to it and identify it wherever it manifests itself in human experience.

Now it is hard for us to speak of these things but we must speak of them, for without a sense of the holy, culture itself withers away. At the limits of our existence, we encounter mystery, the sacred, the eternal, the transcendent, the dimension of depth, the "really real." At life's fearful extremities, prompted by the Holy One, we dare to say: "Father and Friend."

The Reformers knew that every day was holy; that time was sacred. But it was only as they regarded particular days as holy that they had any standard by which to judge the sacredness of all their days. Our forebears knew also that all space is sacred. To measure this reality, they understood that some space had specifically to be designated as sacred space, where the meaning of life is symbolized and empowered. In our society we do not have nearly enough of it; so we continue to pollute and desecrate the planet. Our mothers and fathers in the faith knew that somehow human relations are sacred, and that when this perspective is lost—when, as we say, "nothing is sacred"—then civilization itself is brought to the brink of destruction.

Our fathers and mothers in the faith knew that there was such a thing as a sacred calling. It was never experienced in an unmixed way. Like Isaiah, our calling is a strange mixture of being undone even as we are addressed by God; and of our being

unready in our very readiness to be sent by Him. The fear which repels and the fascination which at the same time draws us on together prompt the awe—the wonder—that is present when we experience the holy. When most aware of our contingency we are surest of our feet resting on solid ground, like a father who had suffered a series of tragic losses but could still witness: "I have been to the bottom and it is firm."

Today, of course, as Hammerskjold has reminded us, "The road to holiness leads through the world of action." We, therefore, experience the holy when we sense what God is doing in history and therefore what we must do with Him. Moses came along at a time and place where God was about to set his people free. When Moses was invited to join in the enterprise, he knew he was on holy ground and a sharer in a sacred task. A hated Samaritan came along at the time and place God would have an act of mercy done. John Wesley came along when God intended to revive his Church. All these persons were on the road to holiness, totally committed to the work of God. So must we be. For we have come along when God intends to complete liberation of people and then give them full humanity and justice, where the time of our lives and the place of our lives intersect, there is our sacred mission.

This is no small task. Centuries ago Gregory the theologian stated that the "art of arts" and the "science of sciences" for the Christian is to give up the clay to the spirit—to turn matter into spirit. This is our assignment. Who can deny that our world cries out for it today? H. Richard Niebuhr once wrote: "Man lives in two worlds and when he tries to make his home in one alone something goes awry with him. Our race, like migratory birds, cannot live and perform all its functions in one climate but must undertake a periodic flight to another homeland."

It is with such considerations in mind, I think, that the message of the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches was to call the churches to prayer. It is not surprising, either, that the United Methodist/Roman Catholic dialogue has concerned itself with holiness and spirituality of the ordained ministry and of us all. As those who believe one holy church, and without withdrawing one step from significant social engagement, do we not need to confess that we are not likely to go much further as United Methodists without digging deeper?

Furthermore, to be a United Methodist is to believe one, holy, *catholic* Church. We need not labor this point in a global era. The Church has to do with all times and all places. It is universal and it is local. It relates to all humanity. No one is left out. At Nairobi, it was precisely in the report on Christian Unity that the

claims of the physically handicapped were affirmed. In the light of the Gospel records, this should not surprise us. No one is left out. Ecumenism refers not so much to relations between churches as to the inclusiveness of our caring. When John Wesley preached on "The Catholic Spirit," he noted the "two grand, general hindrances" to unity are first, "that we do not all think alike" and secondly, that we do not all act or walk alike. He continued, "But although a difference in opinion or modes of worship may prevent an entire, external union, yet need it prevent our union in affection?"

Then later he concludes, "Catholic love is universal love." As God loves the whole world so must we. This implies both openness and inclusiveness. Either we will be radically ecumenical or we will come out as merely parochial Americans or British or Swedish or Chinese or whatever. Either we will be radically ecumenical, or we will settle for being merely a man or woman representative of a particular sex or race or region. Either we will be radically ecumenical or we will be merely denominational. We must begin at such places but we do not end there, for to be radically ecumenical is to care for all, to live for all just as Jesus Christ died for all. In one of Charles Wesley's great hymns he sings, "Come All Ye Souls by Sin Oppressed, Ye restless wanderers after rest; Ye poor, and maimed, and halt and blind, In Christ the hearty welcome find." Then he concludes. "Come thou, this moment, at His call, and live for Him who died for all."

Finally, to be United Methodists is to believe one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. By this we do not mean merely we share the apostolic faith, which we do, nor that we claim to be connected in some unbroken fashion with the apostles, which we do not. Rather, we are summoned for an apostolic task. We are sent on mission. In John 20, we find Jesus saying: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Two words for "send" are used in this passage. One is of great force: He is sent as ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary. The second "send," our sentness, is of lesser force. It implies that we are all sent as a part of His mission.

This passage suggests what one theologian has called the "divine relay race." The mission passed from Father, to Son, to Holy Spirit, to the Church, and then to each one of us. We have come to see more clearly than ever before that the Church does not have a mission; it is mission. Since the Church is mission it continues the mission of Jesus Christ, announced in the sermon at Nazareth: "God's Spirit is in my heart: he has called me to a great work. This is what I have to do—give Good News to the poor; tell prisoners that they are prisoners no longer, and blind people that

they can see; set conquered people free, and tell everybody God's Great Day has come." Jesus is found doing the work of evangelist and missionary.

E. Stanley Jones, if I may say of him, used to love to expound this passage as the Good News in action addressed to the economically disinherited; the socially and politically disinherited; the physically disinherited; the morally and spiritually disinherited; and the offer of a new beginning—a Jubilee Year for everybody. Apostolic task indeed! Let the missional priorities of this General Conference be tested against the reassuring measuring rod of the mission of Jesus. Let them be measured against the standards of Matthew 25 in which Jesus Christ identifies himself with every person in need, and consequently our service to humanity is service to our Lord.

Nor should we forget for one moment that Matthew 25 is set in the context of God's judgment upon us all. But we need not succumb, as some would have us do, to hopelessness. They would emphasize that we are headed for a new Dark Ages; that the world faces a series of unparalleled crises; that we are like a Titanic on a collision course with an iceberg; like a Brontosaurus on the road to extinction; that our basic problem is survival itself. Nor need we subscribe to this analysis: "When society reaches a stage where property confers rank," (I quote) "wealth becomes the only source of virtue, passion the only bond of union between husband and wife, falsehood the source of success in life, sex the only means of enjoyment, and when outer trappings are confused with inner religion then the age of destruction is at hand."

Now there is truth here, but not the last word, for this is the Hindu view of history, the Kali Yuga, the age of destruction. For Hindus, Kali is the deity of destruction. She is also the smallpox goddess. I would simply point out that this very year smallpox has been entirely eliminated from human history. When the age of destruction seems to be upon us, at that very moment Great Kali is dead. But Jesus Christ is risen and alive for ever more.

Ours is therefore a mission of hope. Jesus Christ goes before us, he is present with us, he presents his church today with challenges and opportunities without parallel for centuries. For people everywhere today are awakening—have we not noticed, women, men, youth, students, the poor, the dispossessed of earth, a veritable explosion of consciousness. There is today a universal yearning for meaning, value, justice, community, for fullness of life. Multitudes do not know that theirs is basically a religious search. They are not supposed to know. But we are, for we know One who came that they might have life and have it in all its fullness. This is his mission and ours. To be United

Methodists is to believe and be a part of one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Amen.

Thine is the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son, so may God grant that the word we have heard this day and throughout these days find its way to the good soil of our lives and there grow and bring forth fruit abundantly, some thirty-fold, sixty-fold and some one hundred-fold, as Jesus used to put it, and to this end may the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, which being interpreted is the love of God the Father, and being further interpreted is the fellowship, the friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with you now and evermore. Amen.

CLOSING WORSHIP ADDRESS

By Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Richmond Area

The scene was Barratt's Chapel in Delaware sometime around midyear, 1784. A comparatively tall, rather handsome man stood near the pulpit, Bible in hand, preparing to preach. He scanned the crowd from the podium as if he were looking for another soul whose arrival in the New World had reached his ears. Suddenly the door to the modest little church opened and a stranger—a well known stranger, I might add—entered Barratt's Chapel and walked slowly down the aisle. The preacher of the day came down from the pulpit. The two men walked slowly toward each other. The stranger, short, stocky and distinguished, extended his hand while the tall preacher reached to greet him.

The smaller man spoke. "Brother Asbury, I assume."

"Dr. Coke," he answered.

Immediately following the service, Dr. Coke disclosed his mission and informed a rather unimpressed Mr. Asbury of Mr. Wesley's plans for him as the General Superintendent and plans for the structure of the Church in the New World.

Discussions were held as to how the preachers could be informed. An enterprising young preacher by the name of Freeborn Garretson was summoned and given the orders to ride off in all directions from Maine to Florida, west to the Alleghenies, and inform the brethren that a meeting would be held on Christmas Eve, 1784, in Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland, to consider the organization of a Society.

Lovely Lane Chapel, Baltimore, Maryland, 1784—you know the rest. A Church was organized on the motion of Brother Dickens, I think. A ballot was taken, and scholarly Dr. Coke was elected a General Superintendent. Another ballot was taken, and Francis Asbury, whose name is synonomous with our movement,

was elected General Superintendent and assumed responsibility for the work in the New World. Phillip William Otterbein, leader of a group of German-speaking Wesleyans who were prevented from joining the new Church by a language barrier, placed his hand upon the head of young Asbury and assisted the brethren in consecrating him. Francis Asbury—a General Superintendent—a Bishop—in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Following the meeting, the preachers, most of them comparatively young men, rode off in all directions, facing the enemy of sin in whatever form it raised its head, determined to know nothing save Christ and Him crucified, resolved to win a continent for Christ and to spread scriptural holiness over all the land. Across the mountains, through the valleys, over rivers and streams they rode, Bible in hand, saddle bag at their side, denying, suffering, starving, even dying—yet on they rode, facing the new frontier which rose up on every hand to meet them and to challenge them.

You know the story. Everywhere did Circuit Riders go and preach and preach until the Wesleyan movement became a force to be reckoned with in the New World.

You know the story. God prospered their ministry—hardships and deprivations—the fires of revival were burning on the frontier—until division faced them in 1828, and the people that were *one* found structure a barrier to function, and now became a house divided into *two*. 1844—a social problem—a theological dilemma—Who is my brother?—a nation divided. And the Wesleyans were now three. Years of war and division tore into pieces a land, a people—wars and rumors of wars—separation and all that it involved, and for more than 50 years—alienation.

In the 1900's—McDowell—Hughes—McConnell—Mouzon—Moore—Kern—Straughan—Broomfield, and the dream of union began to rise in the minds and hearts of good people.

Kansas City, Missouri—the long road of division now dwindling away, and we found what we've always known—the road to a friend's house is never far—the Methodists are one people.

Wars and pain, and pain, and pain, and *Crusade for Christ*, and the Methodists found new life in mission, to build again in love what hostility had destroyed.

The 1950's and 1960's—how to leave it unsaid and go on, but I can't. A nation hurt by strife and division. A world, Europe, Asia, Africa—facing convulsion in the search for civil rights and human dignity. "Who is my brother—and who is my sister and who is my mother and who is my father?"

"O God, did we come to the Kingdom in such a time as this?"

Then 1968—Dallas—language no longer a barrier. The sons

and daughters of Otterbein and Albright and Boehm draw near to build a new home with the children of Asbury and Coke. A united home—"A New Church for a New World."

Atlanta, 1972—first time in the South. Hallelujah! Once more we restructured our house, seeking renewal, knowing all the while renewal is not in structure, yet never quite willing to really let structure go.

Portland, 1976—American Bicentennial. The celebration of a revolution for freedom that is not yet ended. From the North, South, East, West, from across the seas, they came—like at Pentecost. Many tongues—one spirit.

War no longer dividing us, yet rumors fill the earth. Good people still seeking to discover their brothers and sisters. New lands, new nations, old lands and old nations, here we are in this great arena tonight. Most of us came in school buses—how prophetic! We seek to know the truth, and the truth shall set us free.

1976—What are the words?

Hunger. One half of the human family will go to bed tonight suffering from malnutrition. Some 10,000 human beings have died today from causes related to life-styles, affluence, diet.

Our quadrennial theme is "Committed to Christ—Called to Change." Dear God, don't let us play Church. Forgive us if in giving our money we wait to hear it fall into the cup. That kind of a priority is not a program—it's a sickness. Help us to look at and feel with this poor starving world and ache, and hurt, and proclaim, "Such as I have, give I unto you." "Lovest thou me?" Feel them—they ain't heavy—they're your brothers!

Ethnic Minority Churches. How good of God to give us another chance. It's so like Him. If you're just fooling, don't do it here. It's too late, and the hurt is too deep. Don't applaud when you hear it sung unless deep inside of you the melody of your soul can sing, *We Shall Overcome Someday.* Someday soon.

No other Protestant church in America nor anywhere in the world is more uniquely equipped than are we to face the problem and the dilemma of the ethnic minority church and make it a challenge—a loving challenge in brotherhood and sisterhood because it is right, and it's due. Let us do the right thing and let us do it for the right reason!

Evangelism. Not a program. Not a gimmick. Not blue and red buttons, but evangelism—the heart of the Gospel. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever . . . that's the Good News. Proclaim it. Don't wait for gimmicks or games or even plans. Do evangelism. What is your watchword? Wesley had it. "In the morning I preached at Bath and

offered them Christ. In the evening I preached near Bristol and I offered them Christ."

That's it. Offer them Christ. That's the only evangelism I know. But evangelism doesn't stop there. It starts there. Let our evangelism have integrity and depth as we nurture and teach.

Then suffer me yet another word. Don't fret so about structure. Many Protestant churches wish heartily for an itinerant, structured, connectional support system like The United Methodist Church. Let us affirm it—not attack it.

And now in conclusion, I beg of you, never forget that John Wesley was one of the most articulate theologians of the 18th Century. I pray that you may make a new commitment—a new study—a restatement of your faith. We need a better understanding and a deeper awareness of what it means to hold membership in our societies—hear me—to belong to the church. We need a better understanding of the Holy Spirit and what it means to be involved with the Holy Spirit today.

Surely you've come to the Kingdom for such a time as this. Let us retool our enthusiasms and march forth to win. I cannot come to terms with defeat. I refuse to accept defeat or loss as an option for life in the Kingdom of God.

The King is not only Coming, the King is here!

Who or What to Grasp?
by Bishop Sante U. Barbieri

In this world
  of God
  and ours,
many are those who
  do not know
what or whom to grasp
  so as to survive.
They find themselves
  confused,
  choked,
  without a dignified aim,

discouraged,
tossed to and fro,
among violence, hate
  destruction.

How shall they find
  salvation

out of their despair,
and a way which will lead
  them
from their dreadful misery
  to a full permanent life?

Right in the center
  of history
came a man sent
  by God,
who opened His wide
  arms
to lost mankind,
offering Himself
  to lead the way
to a full life
of untold achievements
with eternal projection:
  "Come to me
  all who labor
  and are heavy laden.
  Take my yoke upon you,
  and learn of me
  and you will find rest
  for your souls."
But millions have not heard
  His voice
  calling.
But to those who have adopted
  His name,
He has committed a task:
"As the Father sent me,
even so I send you."

The order is inescapable,
and we should not be
  afraid
to face our world in its
  distresses,
He has not put His load
  only
  upon our shoulders.
His promise has been:
  "All authority
  in heaven

and on earth
has been given
me.
Go therefore
and make disciples
of all nations
and lo,
I am with you
always,
to the close of the age."

Shall we march?
And if we would not
go,
who will reveal to those
people
the clear Word of Truth,
and who will point
to them
the only way of eternal
salvation?

We have received
the charge
and the only way
is to obey.
"Woe to me
if I do not preach
the Gospel!"

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

1. AGENDA

For membership see page 19. According to the Plan of Organization the schedule for the first day is planned by the Commission on the General Conference.

AGENDA
Tuesday, April 27, 1976

AFTERNOON

3:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Organization of the Conference:
Roll Call, J. B. Holt, Secretary
Question of Quorum
Expense Information, R. Bryan Brawner
Report of the Commission on the General Conference, Gene E. Sease, Chairperson
Report of the Agenda Committee, Douglas F. Verdin, Chairperson
Election of Secretary, Bishop Ralph T. Alton
Naming of Assistants to the Secretary
Report of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, Leonard Slutz, Chairperson
5:30 p.m. Adjournment

EVENING

7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing, Carlton R. Young
7:30 p.m. Episcopal Address, Bishop James S. Thomas
8:15 p.m. Bicentennial Resolution, John H. Ness, Jr., and Albert C. Outler
Report of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, Leonard Slutz, Chairperson
8:30 p.m. Organization of the Legislative Committees
9:00 p.m. Training of newly elected Legislative Committee officers

AGENDA
Wednesday, April 28, 1976

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, presiding. Devotional address—Bishop Eugene M. Frank
9:10 a.m. Administrative Committees: (a) Agenda, Douglas F. Verdin, Chairperson

9:15 a.m. Quadrennial Theme, Bishop W. Ralph Ward and Norman E. DeWire
9:35 a.m. Bishop and District Superintendent Study Commission, Merlyn Northfelt, Chairperson
Minority Report, Louise Branscomb
10:30 a.m. Recess
10:45 a.m. Commission to Study the Ministry, Bishop William R. Cannon, Chairperson, and Robert Watts Thornburg
11:20 a.m. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara Thompson, Chairperson, and Nancy Grissom Self
11:40 a.m. Bishops' Call for Peace and Self-development of Peoples, Bishop Ralph E. Dodge and Bishop James Armstrong
12:00 n. Continuing Commission on the Black Colleges, Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Chairperson
12:10 p.m. Proposed Concordats with Mexican and Caribbean Methodists, Leonard Slutz
12:25 p.m. Announcements
12:30 p.m. Adjournment

AFTERNOON

2:30 p.m. Bishop Francis E. Kearns, presiding
Hymn and Prayer
2:35 p.m. General Council on Ministries, John T. King, Chairperson
3:15 p.m. General Council on Finance and Administration, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Chairperson, and R. Bryan Brawner
4:00 p.m. Recess
4:15 p.m. General Council on Finance and Administration
4:30 p.m. Membership Study, Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson
Guidelines on Charismatic Movement, Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson
5:10 p.m. Announcements
5:15 p.m. Adjournment

EVENING

7:30 p.m. Legislative Committee Meetings

AGENDA
Thursday, April 29, 1976

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, presiding. Devotional address—Bishop William R. Cannon
9:10 a.m. Administrative Committees: (a) Agenda, Willie B. Clay, Vice-chairperson; (b) Courtesies and Privileges
9:15 a.m. Nominations for Judicial Council
9:55 a.m. Update on Doctrinal Statement, Ewart G. Watts
10:05 a.m. Presentation of special gavel, Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr.
10:15 a.m. Recess
10:30 a.m. Legislative Committees

AFTERNOON

2:30 p.m. Legislative Committees

EVENING

7:30 p.m. Legislative Committees

AGENDA
Friday, April 30, 1976

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Bishop Joel B. McDavid, presiding. Devotional address—Bishop Don W. Holter
9:10 a.m. Committee on Agenda, Yvonne Ferris, Secretary
9:15 a.m. Legislative Committees
11:30 a.m. Plenary Session:
Order of the Day—Presentation of Fraternal Delegates, Paul Duffey, Chairperson, Committee on Fraternal Delegates, and Irving L. Smith, Commission on the General Conference; Speaker—Bishop Percival R. Henkelman, Moravian Church in America
11:50 a.m. Recognition of Overseas Delegates
12:00 n. Recognition of Delegates from The Methodist Church in Great Britain
12:10 p.m. Wesley's Chapel Appeal, John Harper, Treasurer, World Methodist Council
12:25 p.m. Announcements
12:30 p.m. Adjournment

AFTERNOON

2:30 p.m. Legislative Committees

EVENING

7:30 p.m. Legislative Committees

AGENDA
Saturday, May 1, 1976

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Bishop L. Scott Allen, presiding. Devotional address—Bishop Ole E. Borgen
9:10 a.m. Committee on Agenda, Russell Praetorius
9:15 a.m. Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, Donald Fenner, Vice-chairperson
9:25 a.m. Dr. Phillip A. Potter, General Secretary, World Council of Churches
9:55 a.m. First ballot for Judicial Council
10:10 a.m. Calendar Items
10:50 a.m. Announcements—Bishop Jack M. Tuell for Oregon-Idaho Celebration
11:00 a.m. Legislative Committees

AFTERNOON

2:30 p.m. Legislative Committees

EVENING

7:30 p.m. Legislative Committees

AGENDA
Monday, May 3, 1976

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Bishop Jack M. Tuell, presiding. Devotional address—Bishop Roy C. Nichols

9:10 a.m. Committee on Agenda, Lee Drinkard
Committee on Presiding Officers, Jameson Jones
9:20 a.m. Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, Thomas Grissom
9:30 a.m. Second ballot for Judicial Council
9:40 a.m. Presentation of "Wesley's Works," Joseph Quillian
9:45 a.m. Bishop Emilio de Carvalho, Angola
10:05 a.m. Nominations from Council of Bishops and Election of 1980 General Conference Secretary-Designate
10:15 a.m. Announcement of special break arranged by Eastern District, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, Thomas Whitehead; Recess
10:30 a.m. Calendar Items, Leroy Hodapp, Chairperson, Committee on Calendar
12:30 p.m. Adjournment

AFTERNOON

2:30 p.m. Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, presiding
Calendar Items
5:00 p.m. Adjournment

EVENING

7:30 p.m. Bishop Eugene M. Frank, presiding
Calendar Items
9:30 p.m. Adjournment

AGENDA
Tuesday, May 4, 1976

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., presiding. Devotional address—Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy
9:10 a.m. Committee on Agenda, Thomas Whitehead
Committee on Presiding Officers, Martha Ross
9:15 a.m. Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, Rhoda A. Peters
9:25 a.m. Calendar Items, C. R. Hager, Vice-chairperson, Committee on Calendar
10:30 a.m. Recess
10:45 a.m. Calendar Items
12:30 p.m. Adjournment

AFTERNOON

2:30 p.m. Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, presiding
Calendar Items

EVENING

7:30 p.m. Bishop James K. Mathews, presiding
Calendar Items

AGENDA
Wednesday, May 5, 1976

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Bishop Ralph T. Alton, presiding. Devotional address—Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe
9:10 a.m. Committee on Agenda, Melvin Brawn
Committee on Presiding Officers, Robert Tolbert

9:15 a.m. Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, Marilyn Mabee
9:30 a.m. Calendar Items, Jeanie Stoppel, Committee on Calendar
10:30 a.m. Recess
12:30 p.m. Adjournment

AFTERNOON

2:00 p.m. Bishop Roy C. Nichols, presiding
Calendar Items

EVENING

7:30 p.m. Bishop James S. Thomas, presiding
Calendar Items

AGENDA
Thursday, May 6, 1976

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Bishop O. Eugene Slater, presiding. Devotional address—Bishop Paul A. Washburn
9:10 a.m. Committee on Agenda, E. Allen Bailey
Order of the Day: Recognition of Ushers and Pages
Committee on Presiding Officers, Walter Underwood
9:25 a.m. Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, Norma C. Eby
9:40 a.m. Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, Thomas Cromwell, Chairperson
9:50 a.m. Calendar Items
12:30 p.m. Adjournment

AFTERNOON

2:00 p.m. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, presiding
Calendar Items

EVENING

7:00 p.m. Bishop Paul A. Washburn, presiding
Calendar Items

AGENDA
Friday, May 7, 1976

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Bishop Charles F. Golden, presiding. Devotional address—Bishop James K. Mathews
9:10 a.m. Committee on Agenda, Douglas F. Verdin, Chairperson
Committee on Presiding Officers, Jameson Jones, Chairperson
9:20 a.m. Calendar Items, Leroy Hodapp, Chairperson, Committee on Calendar
12:20 p.m. Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, Thomas Cromwell, Chairperson
12:30 p.m. Adjournment

AFTERNOON

2:00 p.m. Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr., presiding
Committee on Courtesies and Privileges, Helen Fannings, Chairperson
2:10 p.m. Calendar Items

EVENING

7:00 p.m. Bishop Dwight E. Loder, presiding
Calendar Items

2. COURTESIES AND PRIVILEGES

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Report No. 1

Bishop and Delegates:

The Courtesies and Privileges Committee has received numerous requests from delegates to extend to Bishop Emilio de Carvalho of Angola the special privilege to briefly address the General Conference. The committee is happy to extend to Bishop de Carvalho this high privilege and has referred the matter to the Agenda Committee for their consideration and action.

We warmly welcome Bishop de Carvalho and offer our services in any way we can be of assistance.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*

Report No. 2

This is the first General Conference since 1939 that Dr. J. Wesley Hole has not been in attendance for the roll call either as a delegate or as an officer of the General Conference.

We recommend that the entire General Conference send greetings and our expressions of appreciation to Dr. Hole for past years of dedicated service as an officer of the General Conference.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*

Report No. 3
Summary of Wesley's Chapel Restoration Offerings

The following is a summary of reports from the United Methodist bishops on what has been done in their areas on the Wesley's Chapel restoration funds. It includes all reports received by April 15.

The summary of the episcopal areas in four categories is as follows:

Category 1
Areas Which Have Attained or Surpassed Their Fair-Share Goal

Area	Bishop	Fair-Share	Amount Reported
Atlanta	Cannon	$ 33,023.00	$ 38,912.38
Pittsburgh	Nichols	23,271.00	23,271.00
		Category Total	$ 62,183.38

Category 2
Areas Reporting Funds to Date and With Specific Plans to Raise Remainder of Their Fair-Share

Kansas	Dixon	$ 19,645.00	$ 6,346.56
Florida	McDavid	27,202.00	8,865.88
Washington	Mathews	28,808.00	6,717.80
Dallas-Ft. Worth	Stowe	23,697.00	8,955.62
Columbia	Tullis	18,723.00	4,796.04
Chicago	Washburn	18,044.00	3,196.62
Illinois	Webb	24,312.00	4,892.69
		Category Total	$ 43,771.21

Category 3
Areas Reporting Funds to Date But No Specific Follow-Up Plans

Dakotas	Armstrong	$ 6,200.00	$ 544.00
Philadelphia	Ault	23,637.00	9,708.91
Raleigh	Blackburn	15,606.00	4,873.22
Louisiana	Crutchfield	11,637.00	8,444.47
Wisconsin	DeWitt	13,193.00	3,062.60
Ohio West	Ensley	36,030.00	9,892.43
Richmond	Goodson	29,286.00	9,792.54
Charlotte	Hunt	25,113.00	11,786.37
Ohio East	Kearns	25,670.00	6,990.00
Michigan	Loder	29,614.00	5,969.91
Oklahoma	Milhouse	18,780.00	5,953.70
Jackson	Stokes	15,373.00	12,010.00
New Jersey	Taylor	18,122.00	12,166.00
Iowa	Thomas	23,667.00	9,212.37
Portland	Tuell	5,724.00	1,000.67
New York	Ward	24,666.00	6,536.80
Harrisburg	Warman	17,598.00	2,005.81
West Virginia	Wertz	14,712.00	3,008.21
Syracuse	Yeakel	17,342.00	2,391.74
		Category Total	$125,350.35

Category 4
Areas Not Reporting as of 4/15/76 But With Our Best Estimate of Funds Raised to Date Taken from Our Records

Holston	Allen	$ 16,311.00	$ 1,761.40
Indiana	Alton	35,792.00	3,171.81
NW Texas-New Mexico	Carleton	14,800.00	2,939.99
Boston	Carroll	12,847.00	3,560.94
Seattle	Choy	8,829.00	3,864.27
Minnesota	Clymer	12,554.00	879.47
Nashville	Finger	20,401.00	4,997.89
Arkansas	Frank	14,071.00	4,993.34
Houston	Galloway	20,608.00	8,827.88
Los Angeles	Golden	25,180.00	5,491.64
Missouri	Goodrich	20,036.00	3,206.50
Nebraska	Holter	10,598.00	1,475.10
Louisville	Robertson	14,456.00	4,895.89

Birmingham	Sanders	26,263.00	3,998.94
San Antonio	Slater	10,719.00	2,114.52
San Francisco	Stuart	11,906.00	2,404.78
Denver	Wheatley	10,934.00	2,347.68
		Category Total	$ 60,932.04

GRAND TOTAL FAIR SHARE GOAL	$875,000.00
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS REPORTED	$292,236.98

Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 4

Since 1956 Dr. Emory Stevens Bucke has served the General Conference as editor of the *Discipline*. These 20 years of Methodist and United Methodist history include the significant changes in church law related to merger, the dissolution of the Central Jurisdiction, local church reorganization, a new doctrinal statement, a new social creed, the restructure of boards and agencies—and the end is not yet here.

The *Discipline* of 1976 will be the last *Discipline* edited by Dr. Emory Stevens Bucke. He plans to retire in October, 1976.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that this General Conference express its appreciation and good wishes to this diligent and faithful servant of our Church.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 5

The Courtesies and Privileges Committee has received the following telegram bringing greetings to the General Conference and to the delegations from Chile and Peru.

The telegram reads: "Greetings in the name of Christ; we make our votes because the splendor of the Holy Spirit surrounds us and guides us in our important deliberations. A special greeting to delegations from Chile and Peru.

"El Gethsemani United Methodist Church, Artesia, New Mexico. [Signed] Reverend Grajales, pastor."

We receive this greeting on behalf of the General Conference with grateful appreciation.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 6

To Members of the General Conference: It is with great appreciation and pride that we present to the General Conference Mr. Thomas S. Holden, Sr. His father was a Methodist minister; four of his brothers and one nephew became Methodist ministers; two brothers were appointed district superintendents during the era of the Central Jursidiction.

Mr. Holden, however, preferred the role of a dedicated layman. In this role, he has hoisted and held high the banner of Methodism under 12 bishops, 9 district superintendents, and 10 pastors.

Since migrating from Texas to California in 1910, Mr. Holden has attended all but two sessions of the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference. Among his contributions to the local church and to the Annual Conference are these:

—He helped organize and establish St. John's United Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

—He organized and for several years conducted the senior choir of Hamilton United Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

—He has been the lay member to Annual Conference from Enterprise United Methodist Church, Compton, Calif., for the past 16 years.

—He has devoted 16 years of service to the Methodist Historical Society in the Southern California-Arizona Conference.

One long-standing ambition of Thomas Holden has been to attend a General Conference session of The United Methodist Church, not as a delegate but as an observer. This ambition is being fulfilled today. He is present in this session of the General Conference. Come September 17, this veteran United Methodist lay person will have reached the mature age of 88 years. His remaining ambition is to make whatever contribution he can to The United Methodist Church.

We hereby recognize, greet, and welcome Mr. Thomas S. Holden, Sr., to this 1976 session of the General Conference, and we honor him for his long years of dedicated commitment and service to his Church.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 7

The Courtesies and Privileges Committee wishes to express sincere appreciation to Dr. Normal L. Conard who has completed 24 years of service (9 General Conferences) as the Director of Facilities and Business Manager of the General Conference.

In addition to this awesome responsibility he serves as the Associate General Secretary of Field Services for the General Council on Finance and Administration. He is supported in these time-consuming duties by his lovely and gracious wife Mary.

We are grateful for more than just the facts about Norman Conard, for his competence is grounded in an abundance of caring and compassion. Beneath the business-like, even brisk, exterior lies a spirit committed entirely to serving the church and the people of the church.

As he leaves his post with the General Conference, we thank him for a job that must, at times, have seemed thankless, and we celebrate both what he has done for us and who he has been to us.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 8

The Courtesies and Privileges Committee joins the members of the Pacific Northwest Conference delegation in celebrating the appointment of one of their reserve delegates, Mr. James Dolliver, to the Supreme Court of the State of Washington. Mr. Dolliver, who will be sworn in on Thursday, May 6th, served on the General Council on Ministries during the past quadrennium and was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1970 and 1972.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 9

On behalf of this General Conference we join the West Ohio delegation in expressions of concern and prayers for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Kathryn Jenkins who sustained a fractured hip in a fall in downtown Portland.

Mrs. Jenkins, wife of Judge Daniel C. Jenkins, a delegate from the West Ohio Conference, is hospitalized in the Good Samaritan Hospital. Both Judge and Mrs.

Jenkins have expressed their appreciation for the prompt assistance given by the citizenry who witnessed the accident and the very excellent care provided by the hospital staff.

We ask that the General Conference remember Mrs. Jenkins as it completes its work and we wish for her God's every blessing as she recuperates in Portland after this conference adjourns.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 10

The Committee presents to the General Conference the following statement from the National Association of Associate Members and Lay Pastors.

Presentation to the
1976 General Conference

Council of Bishops, Ladies, and Gentlemen of the 1976 General Conference. Thank you for this opportunity to bring you greetings from the National Fellowship of Associate Members and Lay Pastors—a fairly new organization but representing a long disfranchised, unrecognized body of men and women. We recognize the Herculean efforts that are required by all involved in this Conference: time away from families and jobs, long hours, exhausting debate as legislation is perfected, the frustration of trying to do mountains of work within molehills of time. We commend you for the seemingly miraculous accomplishments that you make here. We wish to inform you that you have been, are, and will continue to be in our prayers that God will grant you wisdom for the decisions you must make, strength to endure, and love that you might disagree without being disagreeable.

As president of the National Fellowship, I speak on behalf of over 4,000 men and women, or a little more than 10 percent of the pastors in our great Church. The lay pastor, under many names—local preacher, supply pastor, soon to be local pastor, and many others—has served our Church since its beginning under John Wesley. They carried the Word through the boroughs of England, to the colonies, and to every frontier. They continue to serve faithfully, most often in churches which otherwise would not have a pastor: small churches, usually on multipoints, Native American, Hispanic, Black, every ethnic group. While not seminarians, they bring years of practical experience and cultural understanding that enable them to serve their Lord and their congregations well, by and large asking only one thing of The United Methodist Church—the opportunity to answer God's call to preach and serve in the pastorate.

I pray you to give recognition to these men and women who still have no standing in our Church as they are classified as neither laity nor ministerial. Although having shown themselves worthy over and over again through years of faithful dedication to their calling and proven performance in the discharge of their pastoral duties, they still are too often looked down upon as second-class persons. There are those who would close the door to this form of pastoral ministry which has given so much to The United Methodist Church. Lay pastors have only the privilege of voice, and many Annual Conferences refuse to recognize even that.

As you strive to provide properly for women, youth, young adults, Native Americans, Blacks, Hispanics—all minority groups—please do not forget us. Especially as you labor to perfect each word and phrase, as it were each jot and tittle, I beg you not to "strain at gnats and swallow camels." Remember us!

May God bless you in your efforts, and may He, through you and all who labor

in our great United Methodist Church, lead us in love and service to each other and to every person in the world. Thank you.
Ward D. Pierce, *President*

We thank Mr. Pierce for his comments and recommend the Conference receive these expressions with appreciation.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 11

The General Conference extends heartfelt sympathy to Atty. Balbino Gatdula, lay delegate from the Philippines Annual Conference who had to leave the Conference Thursday, April 28, due to the illness and subsequent death of his father. The prayers and sympathy of the delegates are extended to Mr. Gatdula and his family and to the members of the Philippine delegation.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 12

There is no one attending this General Conference who has not been amazed and awed by the speed and efficiency with which the *DCA* has printed information on all of the legislation, materials, vital issues, and articles of special human interest.

The editor, Dr. Roger Burgess, and his entire staff have not only worked proficiently to complete their own tasks but have been extremely helpful in assisting all who needed their services. They have extended themselves on behalf of all of us in every way, each day, in the most gracious and courteous manner. Thus it is with great pleasure and sincere appreciation that we offer this resolution for outstanding services rendered.

Whereas the Advance Editions Workbook of the *Daily Christian Advocate* has been extremely useful and helpful to delegates to General Conference, and

Whereas the overnight editions of the *Daily Christian Advocate* in Portland have provided legislative and administrative committee reports, Conference news, up-to-date proceedings, and other official important information to delegates,

Be It Therefore Resolved that the General Conference express its appreciation with a standing ovation to the editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Dr. Roger Burgess, his excellent staff, and the printers of the Times Litho Press of Forest Grove, Ore., and its owners Hugh and Paul McGilvra, a longtime Oregon United Methodist family, who with Dr. Burgess, have extended extra personal effort to serve the 1976 General Conference.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 13

On behalf of the 1976 General Conference, the Courtesies and Privileges Committee extends sincere appreciation to Dr. R. Bryan Brawner for his concern for and service to United Methodism. Dr. Brawner is retiring from his post as general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration after eight years of service.

Dr. Brawner's committment to the Church and his great sense of concern for its growth and development have been evident in his firm Christian commitment and his skills as church treasurer and administrator.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 14

On behalf of the General Conference, the committee extends greetings to Ms. Doris Handy and the World Federation of Methodist Women. Ms. Handy is president of the North American Area of the World Federation of Methodist Women, a worldwide organization embracing all women of the Wesleyan persuasion. The organization exists "To Know Christ and To Make Him Known." Ms. Handy is in attendance at the General Conference as a delegate from the Western Pennsylvania Conference.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 15

On behalf of the 1976 General Conference, we extend the thanks of United Methodism to Dr. A. Dudley Ward, retiring general secretary of the General Board of Church and Society. Following a distinguished career as a businessman and National Council of Churches executive, Dr. Ward became the first executive officer of the Board of Social and Economic Relations of the former Methodist Church in 1952. He has served our Church in similar roles continuously since that time. Dr. Ward's compassion for persons in need and his passion for social justice have led the church to new avenues of service and social action for which we are grateful.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

Report No. 16

Whereas, Mary Jeanne Blackburn, due to illness, is confined to home;

And Whereas, Bishop Robert M. Blackburn is unable to be in attendance this, the second week of General Conference;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the General Conference send prayerful expression of love and concern to Bishop and Mrs. Robert M. Blackburn.

Presented through the Courtesies and Privileges Committee on behalf of the North Carolina delegation, North Carolina Annual Conference.

Helen Fannings, *Chairperson*
Thomas Grissom, *Secretary*

3. CREDENTIALS

For membership see pages 19-20. (In the reports which follow, (R) denotes reserve delegates, (P) denotes principal delegates, and *italics* denote ministerial delegates.—Editor)

Report No. 1

All members of the delegations as listed in the Handbook, *Daily Christian Advocate*, Advance Edition A, and No. 1, April 27, 1976, pages 12-13, were present with the following exceptions:

BALTIMORE
Edward B. Lewis (R) was seated for *Frank L. Williams* (P)
BRITISH METHODIST
John I. Miller (P), absent

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
Gloria Keller (R) was seated for Paul G. Gilmore (P)
H. Leroy Marlowe (R) was seated for Betty L. Nusbaum (P)
CENTRAL TEXAS
Ruby Bane (R) was seated for Roy Grogan (P)
DENMARK
Niels Christian Jorgensen (R) was seated for Henning Bjerno (P)
HOLSTON
Jean Troy (R) was seated for Lafayette T. Prigmore, Jr. (P)
KANSAS EAST
Kathleen C. Bailey (R) was seated for Floyd H. Coffman (P)
LOUISIANA
Hubert M. Blanchard (R) was seated for William H. Patrick, Jr. (P)
John B. Tubb (R) was seated for L. Keith Mason (P)
Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. (R) was seated for *David L. Dykes, Jr.* (P)
LOUISVILLE
Walter A. Graham (R) was seated for Felix J. Sanders, Jr. (P)
MISSISSIPPI
Cathy Wells (R) was seated for John C. Satterfield (P)
A. Dan Breland (R) was seated for F. O. Woodard (P)
MISSOURI WEST
Jane Black (R) was seated for Art Main (P)
NEW MEXICO
John S. Townsend (R) was seated for F. B. Ford (P)
NEW YORK
John E. Carrington (R) was seated for *F. Herbert Skeete* (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Charles F. Betts (R) was seated for *Allen D. Montgomery* (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Ross E. Townes (R) was seated for Charles K. McAdams (P)
Steve Banks (R) was seated for Bruce Hargrove (P)
NORTH INDIANA
Jewell Helms (R) was seated for Kermit O. Burrous (P)
Marianne Norman (R) was seated for James F. Anglin (P)
NORTH TEXAS
Mary May (R) was seated for Clarence A. Guittard (P)
E. C. Ransom (R) was seated for Robert L. Dillard, Jr. (P)
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
Clarice M. Howe (R) was seated for Paul Hardin (P)
OREGON-IDAHO
Alice G. Morrison (R) was seated for *Robert W. Burtner* (P)
SOUTH CAROLINA
Marion Jones (R) was seated for Sarah Parker (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
J. Taylor Phillips (R) was seated for George A. Wright (P)
SOUTHEAST AFRICA
Filimone M. Massuque (R) was seated for *Almeida Penicela* (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Joyce Robinson (R) was seated for Dight W. Crain (P)
Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr. (R) was seated for Harold F. Smith, Sr. (P)
TEXAS
James Z. Roberts (R) was seated for Don Strickland (P)
WEST OHIO
Joseph W. Shields (R) was seated for Darrell R. Hottle (P)
Torrey A. Kaatz (R) was seated for Michael D. Bell (P)

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
James Donner (R) was seated for Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (P)
G. Eugene Rote (R) was seated for George Hershberger (P)
Bernice Bishop (R) was seated for Mary Lou DeVaux (P)
Joyce Anderegg (R) was seated for Paul R. McCormick (P)

Report No. 2

Changes in the seating of delegates for the evening session, April 27, 1976:
FLORIDA
Richard L. Cash (R) was seated for Frank H. Furman, Jr. (P)
Lee E. Hatch (R) was seated for Dollie Crist (P)
Monroe C. Hatch (R) was seated for *Walter B. Rutland* (P)
Paul L. Hartsfield (R) was seated for *M. McCoy Gibbs* (P)
Inez S. Tisdale (R) was seated for Barbara B. Wilcox (P)
Eldon Simmons (R) was seated for *James C. Rowan* (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Gordon McKinney (R) was seated for *S. J. Elmore* (P)
Claude W. Whitehead (R) was seated for *Charles L. Hutchinson* (P)
OKLAHOMA
S. Covey Page (R) was seated for Tal Oden (P)
David L. Severe (R) was seated for *Irving L. Smith* (P)
SOUTH CAROLINA
James H. Nates (R) was seated for *Ralph A. Cannon* (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
V. L. Daugherty, Jr. (R) was seated for *C. Wilburne Hancock* (P)
William H. Hinson (R) was seated for *Guy K. Hutcherson* (P)
Lawrence E. Houston, Jr. (R) was seated for *C. E. Cariker* (P)
W. R. Key (R) was seated for *David A. Duck* (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Harold F. Smith, Sr. (P) resumed seat
KOREA
Margaret B. Judy (R) was seated for Kathleen Crane (P)

Report No. 3

Changes in the seating of delegates for the morning session, April 28, 1976:
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA
Cecil E. Bradley (R) was seated for *Paul A. Duffey* (P)
John Hildreth (R) was seated for Coleman H. McGehee (P)
Harold Butts (R) was seated for William H. Abbott (P)
Louise Stone (R) was seated for Opal Barrow (P)
Lester H. Spencer (R) was seated for *John E. Vickers* (P)
Billy F. Hall (R) was seated for *E. Robert Dickerson* (P)
Lloyd H. Kimbrough (R) was seated for *Thomas L. Butts* (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Glenda C. Thomas (R) was seated for *Lloyd K. Wake* (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Robert W. Thornburg (R) was seated for *E. Paul Unger* (P)
A. Lewis Long (R) was seated for Porter J. Womeldorff (P)
CENTRAL TEXAS
Jean Meier (R) was seated for Alice Wonders (P)
H. F. Meier, Jr. (R) was seated for *Walter L. Underwood* (P)
James W. Darnell (R) was seated for *Don M. Pike* (P)
Jack Riley (R) was seated for *Luther W. Henry, Sr.* (P)
DETROIT
Marvin H. McCallum (R) was seated for *Edward L. Duncan* (P)

Wayne B. Middleton (R) was seated for Frieda Spafford (P)
Robert P. Ward (R) was seated for *John N. Grenfell* (P)
Paton M. Zimmerman (R) was seated for Harold M. Karls (P)
Anthony J. Shipley (R) was seated for *Kenneth R. Callis* (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Carlton Dodge (R) was seated for Lawton Shroyer (P)
FLORIDA
Edith Goodwin (R) was seated for P. B. Revels (P)
IOWA
Richard C. Pfaltzgraff (R) was seated for *Alferd E. Wilken* (P)
KANSAS EAST
M. Max Wright (R) was seated for *Merwin R. Kurtz* (P)
Gladys P. Streeter (R) was seated for Wesley W. Wulfkuhle (P)
Frederick J. Ackman (R) was seated for *Patrick Freeman* (P)
KANSAS WEST
Chester L. Osborn (R) was seated for *Clarence Borger* (P)
KENTUCKY
Harold W. Dorsey (R) was seated for *Albert W. Sweazy* (P)
LITTLE ROCK
James E. Major (R) was seated for *J. Edward Dunlap* (P)
William M. Shepherd (R) was seated for Don L. Riggin (P)
LOUISIANA
Wyatt D. Boddie (R) was seated for *William T. Handy, Jr.* (P)
David L. Dykes, Jr. (P) resumed seat
L. Keith Mason (P) resume seat
MEMPHIS
Walter E. Mischke, Jr. (R) was seated for *William P. Bailey* (P)
William P. Bailey (P) resumed seat
MISSISSIPPI
Warren E. Pittman (R) was seated for *Robert M. Matheny* (P)
NEBRASKA
Kendall D. Schwab (R) was seated for Norbert Sukovaty (P)
Donald J. Nunally (R) was seated for *Marvin H. Herrick* (P)
Lowen V. Kruse (R) was seated for *John H. Mikkelsen* (P)
NEW YORK
F. Herbert Skeete (P) resumed seat
NORTH ALABAMA
Michael D. Miles (R) was seated for Nina Reeves (P)
Louise Branscomb (R) was seated for Myrtle Gordon (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Jim Beal (R) was seated for *Ben F. Jordan* (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
William L. Wallace, Jr. (R) was seated for *E. A. Bailey* (P)
Mrs. Willie Stovall (R) was seated for Elizabeth Stansel (P)
NORTH TEXAS
Spurgeon M. Dunnam (R) was seated for *William E. Trice* (P)
Leighton K. Farrell (R) was seated for *Thomas J. Shipp* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Maceo D. Pembroke (R) was seated for *Charles W. Jordan* (P)
NORTHWEST TEXAS
Jim T. Pickens (R) was seated for *Clifford E. Trotter* (P)
Sam Nader (R) was seated for *Darris L. Egger* (P)
OKLAHOMA
Paul D. Bowles (R) was seated for *J. Clifton Sprouls* (P)
Glen O. Miller (R) was seated for *William R. Henry* (P)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Thomas H. Albright (R) was seated for *Melvin M. Finkbeiner* (P)
Melvin M. Finkbeiner (P) resumed seat
PENINSULA
Olin J. Shockley (R) was seated for *J. Gordon Stapleton* (P)
PUERTO RICO
Gildo Sanchez (R) was seated for *Moises Freites* (P)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Harold C. Knudsen (R) was seated for *William R. Persons* (P)
SOUTH INDIANA
Joe G. Emerson (R) was seated for *Robert C. Holmes* (P)
Lloyd M. Wright (R) was seated for *J. Kenneth Forbes* (P)
Charles A. Tyler (R) was seated for *David J. Lawson* (P)
Dorothea S. Green (R) was seated for John J. Thomas (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
E. McKinnon White (R) was seated for *Jerome K. DelPino* (P)
SOUTHWEST TEXAS
Jack D. Heacock (R) was seated for *Ralph H. Seiler* (P)
James Walker (R) was seated for Tom Reavley (P)
Clara Johnson (R) was seated for JoAnn Wilshusen (P)
Dan E. Solomon (R) was seated for *J. Barcus-Moore* (P)
John R. Gibbs (R) was seated for *Ralph H. Seiler* (P)
TEXAS
Jack W. Shoultz (R) was seated for *Allen M. Mayes* (P)
VIRGINIA
Kathi Hughes (R) was seated for W. Roland Walker (P)
George S. Lightner (R) was seated for *James W. Turner* (P)
Donald A. Vantine (R) was seated for W. Roland Walker (P)
WESTERN NEW YORK
William B. Grossman, Jr. (R) was seated for *Richard W. Harrington* (P)
WISCONSIN
Betty Chamberlain (R) was seated for Lois Olson (P)
KOREA
Carl W. Judy (R) was seated for *Ki Chul Nam* (P)

Report No. 4

Changes in the seating of delegates for the afternoon session, April 28, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Laverne E. Rohrbaugh (R) was seated for *Wilson A. Shearer* (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Jonah J. Chang (R) was seated for *Clifford Droke* (P)
Harry E. Shaner (R) was seated for *John V. Moore* (P)
Shizue Yoshina (R) was seated for Kathy LaPoint (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Dale Catlin (R) was seated for *Wayne C. Hess* (P)
Larry L. Lawler (R) was seated for *Burt A. McIntosh* (P)
Jinny Gordon (R) was seated for Bryce Barnes (P)
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
Elwood C. Zimmerman (R) was seated for *John P. Taylor* (P)
G. Jackson Miller (R) was seated for R. Andrew Lady (P)
Paul E. Stambach (R) was seated for *Arthur W. Stambach* (P)
CENTRAL TEXAS
J. D. Phillips (R) was seated for *William M. Greenwaldt* (P)
John Ogden (R) was seated for *Sidney Roberts* (P)

DETROIT
Kenneth R. Callis (P) resumed seat
Harold M. Karls (P) resumed seat
Edward L. Duncan (P) resumed seat
John N. Grenfell (P) resumed seat
Garfield H. Kellermann (R) was seated for *Robert E. Horton* (P)
FLORIDA
A. B. Blackburn, Jr. (R) was seated for O. B. Fanning (P)
Monroe C. Hatch (R) was seated for *Gene Zimmerman* (P)
Harry L. Burney, Jr. (R) was seated for Frank H. Furman, Jr. (P)
Florence L. Sapp (R) was seated for Beth A. Fogle (P)
John E. Winters (R) was seated for *Hector Navas* (P)
IOWA
Donald L. Carver (R) was seated for *Lester L. Moore* (P)
J. Roland Crandall (R) was seated for *Donald R. Arthur* (P)
Weldon A. Whitenack (R) was seated for *Wayne E. Shoemaker* (P)
Margaret Clayburg (R) was seated for Rosalie J. Bentzinger (P)
Glen Thompson (R) was seated for Wayne Marty (P)
KANSAS WEST
Glenn E. Matthew (R) was seated for *Bruce Blake* (P)
Jack E. Smith (R) was seated for Avenell R. Elliott (P)
KENTUCKY
Harold W. Dorsey (R) was seated for *Robert W. Gardner* (P)
LOUISIANA
Edward R. Thomas (R) was seated for *Douglas L. McGuire* (P)
John B. Tubb (R) was seated for J. Robert Kemmerly (P)
MAINE
Jane P. Ives (R) was seated for Inger H. Abbott (P)
MEMPHIS
Walter E. Mischke, Jr. (R) was seated for *Jack H. Henton* (P)
D. W. Simmons (R) was seated for *Lloyd W. Ramer* (P)
Lillie Belle Cole (R) was seated for Joe Pevahouse (P)
Susan Lamb (R) was seated for Roy Stephenson (P)
Joe Pevahouse (P) resumed seat
MISSISSIPPI
Charles D. Duke (R) was seated for *J. W. Leggett, Jr.* (P)
MISSOURI WEST
Joyce Raye Patterson (R) was seated for Ralph L. Scott (P)
NEBRASKA
Eunice Harrington (R) was seated for Helen Marie Clark (P)
Roberta Sugden (R) was seated for Yvonne Ferris (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Wayne C. Jarvis (R) was seated for *Charles P. McDonald* (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Albert F. Fisher (R) was seated for *Charles H. Mercer* (P)
Irene F. Gattis (R) was seated for George H. Forehand (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Herchel H. Sheets (R) was seated for *L. Bevel Jones* (P)
Marion J. Sherrill (R) was seated for *T. Cecil Myers* (P)
Richard Fleet (R) was seated for Paul Webb, Jr. (P)
Eleanor Richardson (R) was seated for Bert Lance (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
W. F. Appleby (R) was seated for *John D. Humphrey, Sr.* (P)
NORTH TEXAS
Wilfred M. Bailey (R) was seated for *R. Bruce Weaver* (P)

NORTHWEST TEXAS
L. D. Patton (R) was seated for Charles Tyler (P)
OKLAHOMA
R. Fisher Blanton (R) was seated for *Howard L. Plowman* (P)
Bonner E. Teeter (R) was seated for *Lloyd A. Peters* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Thomas H. Albright (R) was seated for *Norman R. Lawson* (P)
Norman R. Lawson (P) resumed seat
Walter A. MacArthur (R) was seated for *Paul J. Beeman* (P)
PENINSULA
Lowan Pitts (R) was seated for Mary Frances Cooke (P)
RIO GRANDE
Dan Rodriguez (R) was seated for *Jose Galindo* (P)
Miguel Hernandez, Jr. (R) was seated for Oscar O. Garza, IV (P)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Marti S. Zimmerman (R) was seated for Ruth Robinson (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
Norman R. Johnson (R) was seated for George A. Wright (P)
SOUTH INDIANA
Susan W. N. Ruach (R) was seated for *David J. Lawson* (P)
Sarah R. Easley (R) was seated for John J. Easley (P)
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Billy G. Hahs (R) was seated for *Boyd E. Wagner* (P)
Robert Fearheiley (R) was seated for Freda Hasler (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Berynce Mitchell (R) was seated for Walter Thompson (P)
Candice Brown (R) was seated for Harold F. Smith, Sr. (P)
Gwendolyn R. White (R) was seated for Elizabeth Ambler (P)
Jerome K. DelPino (P) resumed seat
TENNESSEE
John G. Corry (R) was seated for *William W. Morris* (P)
William H. Tomlin (R) was seated for *Robert H. Spain* (P)
George Turner (R) was seated for Mrs. O. S. Luton (P)
TEXAS
Emmitt C. Barrow (R) was seated for *Wallace T. Shook* (P)
Kenneth M. Lambert (R) was seated for *M. K. Kellow* (P)
Mary Crawford (R) was seated for Lenora F. Clark (P)
W. H. Haygood (R) was seated for *Elza L. Love* (P)
VIRGINIA
Kathi Hughes (R) was seated for Luther W. White, III (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Joetta D. Rinehardt (R) was seated for Wesley Bailey (P)
WISCONSIN
Doris Foote (R) was seated for Michael Gray (P)
J. Wesley Corbin (R) was seated for *Donald D. Fenner* (P)
Gerald A. Krause (R) was seated for *M. Stanford Strosahl* (P)
KOREA
Ki Chul Nam (P) resumed seat

Report No. 5

Changes in the seating of delegates for the evening session, April 28, 1976:
DETROIT
Robert E. Horton (P) resumed seat
Frieda Spafford (P) resumed seat

NORTH MISSISSIPPI
Israel L. Rucker (R) was seated for *Merlin D. Conoway* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Paul J. Beeman (P) resumed seat
PUERTO RICO
Francisco Franceschi (R) was seated for Victoria Hernandez (P)

Report No. 6

Changes in the seating of delegates for the morning session, April 29, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Wilmer V. Bell (R) was seated for Harry K. Underwood (P)
Thomas C. Blickenstaff (R) was seated for Charles L. Mann (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
J. William Cosby (R) was seated for J. Melvin Brawn (P)
Glenda C. Thomas (R) was seated for *Martha G. Rowlett* (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Ira Gallaway (R) was seated for *Donald J. Jones* (P)
Mark L. Sheldon (R) was seated for Ellen R. Hanna (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Philip Herr (R) was seated for Horace F. Ether (P)
Claude A. Edmonds (R) was seated for *Henry H. Nichols* (P)
Robert M. Daugherty (R) was seated for *Robert P. Longenecker* (P)
IOWA
J. Roland Crandall (R) was seated for *Edwin C. Boulton* (P)
LITTLE ROCK
James E. Major (R) was seated for *Virgil D. Keeley* (P)
LOUISIANA
William T. Handy, Jr. (P) resumed seat
Douglas L. McGuire (P) resumed seat
William H. Patrick, Jr. (P) resumed seat
J. Robert Kemmerly (P) resumed seat
MEMPHIS
Lloyd W. Ramer (P) resumed seat
Roy Stephenson (P) resumed seat
Jack H. Henton (P) resumed seat
MINNESOTA
David Roberson (R) was seated for William McPherson (P)
MISSISSIPPI
Wendell P. C. Taylor (R) was seated for *Henry Clay, Jr.* (P)
MISSOURI EAST
W. Cannon Kinnard (R) was seated for *John C. Montgomery, Jr.* (P)
MISSOURI WEST
Marie Hyatt (R) was seated for *Louis W. Schowengerdt* (P)
NEW YORK
John C. Eversley (R) was seated for Gloster B. Current (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Alex H. Woodall (R) was seated for Ransom Durr (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Martha Garrick (R) was seated for Grier L. Garrick (P)
NORTH TEXAS
William Joseph Washington (R) was seated for *Benjamin R. Oliphint* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Bill L. Bryan (R) was seated for *Richard D. Tholin* (P)
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
B. Milton Hargrove (R) was seated for *Robert B. Goodwin* (P)

NORTHWEST PHILIPPINES
Esperanza B. Bailen (R) was seated for Restituto F. Samson (P)
OREGON-IDAHO
H. James Jenkins (R) was seated for *Alice G. Morrison* (R)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Walter J. Boigegrain (R) was seated for *Jon R. Nieves* (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
James H. Sneed, Jr. (R) was seated for George A. Wright (P)
SOUTH INDIANA
Esther E. Edwards (R) was seated for *Robert W. Koenig* (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Jane Lindsey (R) was seated for Ronald H. Warner (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Elizabeth Ambler (P) resumed seat
Walter Thompson (P) resumed seat
Harold F. Smith, Sr. (P) resumed seat
TENNESSEE
Thomas K. Potter (R) was seated for James M. Bell (P)
Mrs. O. S. Luton (P) resumed seat
William W. Morris (P) resumed seat
Robert H. Spain (P) resumed seat
WEST MICHIGAN
Mildred D. Page (R) was seated for Katherine W. Wilcox (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Wesley Bailey (P) resumed seat
WISCONSIN
Doris Foote (R) was seated for Joyce Mevis (P)

Report No. 7

Changes in the seating of delegates for the afternoon session, April 29, 1976:
NORTH ARKANSAS
Gene Brand (R) was seated for Mildred Osment (P)
TENNESSEE
James M. Bell (P) resumed seat

Report No. 8

Changes in the seating of delegates for the morning session, April 30, 1976:
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA
Richard J. Walker (R) was seated for *E. Robert Dickerson* (P)
BOMBAY
John B. Dass (R) was seated for *Justin N. Harris* (P)
CENTRAL TEXAS
J. D. Phillips (R) was seated for *William M. Greenwaldt* (P)
FLORIDA
Lee E. Hatch (R) was seated for P. B. Revels (P)
IOWA
Barbara Dale (R) was seated for Lester C. Mealiff (P)
KANSAS WEST
E. Dale Dunlap (R) was seated for *Clarence M. Fogleman, Jr.* (P)
LITTLE ROCK
John P. Miles (R) was seated for *Negail R. Riley* (P)
LOUISIANA
Travis Lea Joyner (R) was seated for *Benedict A. Galloway* (P)
MEMPHIS
Walter E. Mischke, Jr. (R) was seated for *Ed L. Crump, Jr.* (P)

Lillie B. Cole (R) was seated for Roy Stephenson (P)
William S. Evans, II (R) was seated for *William P. Bailey* (P)
MINNESOTA
David Roberson (R) was seated for Betty Jean Foster (P)
NEBRASKA
Lowen V. Kruse (R) was seated for *Alva H. Clark* (P)
Eunice Harrington (R) was seated for G. Alan Dunlap (P)
NEW YORK
H. Burnham Kirkland (R) was seated for *Richard S. Parker* (P)
Elizabeth Searle (R) was seated for William T. Staubach (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Myrtle Gordon (P) resumed seat
Warren C. Hamby (R) was seated for *Allen D. Montgomery* (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Marvin Gaither (R) was seated for Mildred Osment (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Irene F. Gattis (R) was seated for Marjorie Mann (P)
NORTH DAKOTA
Eve Hook (R) was seated for *David Knecht* (P)
Faye Sundin (R) was seated for Robert Sundin (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Richard Fleet (R) was seated for D. W. Brooks (P)
Cornelius L. Henderson (R) was seated for *A. C. Epps* (P)
NORTH TEXAS
Leighton K. Farrell (R) was seated for *Thomas J. Shipp* (P)
Robert L. Dillard, Jr. (P) was seated for E. C. Ransom (R)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Phyllis Tholin (R) was seated for Carolyn Oehler (P)
Ruth E. Wegner (R) was seated for *William D. White* (P)
Finees Flores (R) was seated for *Willie B. Clay* (P)
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
B. Milton Hargrove (R) was seated for *Dean A. Lanning* (P)
OKLAHOMA
Wayne W. Coffin (R) was seated for *John W. Russell* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Aloha M. Wyckoff (R) was seated for Norma Eby (P)
PHILIPPINES
Olivia S. Pascual (R) was seated for Balbino E. Gatdula, Jr. (P)
RIO GRANDE
Noemi Janes (R) was seated for Oscar O. Garza, IV (P)
SOUTH DAKOTA
Richard D. Pittenger (R) was seated for *Earl H. Butz* (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Dight W. Crain (P) resumed seat
Shephard S. Johnson (R) was seated for *C. Dale White* (P)
Rene O. Bideaux (R) was seated for *Terry C. Thomason* (P)
SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY
Ernest S. Lyght (R) was seated for *Charles A. Sayre* (P)
SOUTHWEST TEXAS
Clara Johnson (R) was seated for John T. King (P)
TEXAS
H. D. Pope (R) was seated for Joe B. Allen (P)
W. B. Randolph (R) was seated for *Wallace T. Shook* (P)
VIRGINIA
Harvey W. Ashby (R) was seated for *Joseph T. Carson, Jr.* (P)

WEST OHIO
Austin R. Whitmore (R) was seated for *William G. Patterson* (P)
Herman A. Emmert (R) was seated for *Paul E. Stuckey* (P)

Report No. 9

Changes in the seating of delegates for the afternoon session, April 30, 1976:
EAST OHIO
Edward Crouch (R) was seated for John Chittum (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Philip Herr, II (R) was seated for Claude Schoenly (P)
MINNESOTA
Betty Jean Foster (P) resumed seat
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Norma Eby (P) resumed seat
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Lois Seifert (R) was seated for Michael Lugo (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Terry C. Thomason (P) resumed seat
C. Dale White (P) resumed seat

Report No. 10

Changes in the seating of delegates for the morning session, May 1, 1976:
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA
Billy F. Hall (R) was seated for *E. Robert Dickerson* (P)
Lloyd H. Kimbrough (R) was seated for *John E. Vickers* (P)
BALTIMORE
Harold B. Wright (R) was seated for *Harold G. Johnson, Sr.* (P)
Laverne E. Rohrbaugh (R) was seated for *David H. Andrews* (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Jonah J. Chang (R) was seated for *Lloyd K. Wake* (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Larry L. Lawler (R) was seated for *Frank H. Nestler* (P)
Robert W. Thornburg (R) was seated for *W. Harold Loyd* (P)
Dale E. Pitcher (R) was seated for *E. Paul Unger* (P)
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
G. Jackson Miller (R) was seated for Robert E. Knupp (P)
CENTRAL TEXAS
Jean Meier (R) was seated for Alice Wonders (P)
EAST OHIO
Walter Chisholm (R) was seated for *Abraham Brandyberry* (P)
FLORIDA
John E. Winters (R) was seated for *Hector Navas* (P)
Inez S. Tisdale (R) was seated for Jimmy Sowder (P)
Eldon Simmons (R) was seated for *Gene Zimmerman* (P)
Richard L. Cash (R) was seated for Polly L. Cook (P)
IOWA
Donald L. Carver (R) was seated for *Edwin C. Boulton* (P)
Weldon A. Whitenack (R) was seated for *Worthie Usher* (P)
KENTUCKY
Harold W. Dorsey (R) was seated for *Donald W. Durham* (P)
LITTLE ROCK
John P. Miles (R) was seated for *Virgil D. Keeley* (P)
LOUISIANA
Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. (R) was seated for *Alfred L. Norris* (P)
Hubert M. Blanchard (R) was seated for William H. Patrick, Jr. (P)
John B. Tubb (R) was seated for W. D. Cotton (P)

MEMPHIS
William P. Bailey (P) resumed seat
NEW YORK
Nora Q. Boots (R) was seated for William T. Staubach (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Charles F. Betts (R) was seated for *Charles L. Hutchinson* (P)
Alex H. Woodall (R) was seated for Eva Walker (P)
Louise Branscomb (R) was seated for Eddie Self (P)
Denson N. Franklin (R) was seated for *Allen D. Montgomery* (P)
Warren C. Hamby (R) was seated for *Robert C. Morgan* (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Wayne C. Jarvis (R) was seated for *Joel A. Cooper* (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Albert F. Fisher (R) was seated for *Simeon F. Cummings* (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Adolphus S. Dickerson (R) was seated for *L. Bevel Jones, III* (P)
NORTH INDIANA
J. C. Williams (R) was seated for *Gerald H. Jones* (P)
James S. Hook (R) was seated for *A. Hunter Colpitts* (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
E. A. Bailey (P) resumed seat
Merlin D. Conoway (P) resumed seat
Elizabeth Stansel (P) resumed seat
NORTH TEXAS
Wilfred M. Bailey (R) was seated for *William E. Trice* (P)
William Joseph Washington (R) was seated for *Albert C. Outler* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Margaret Wilkins (R) was seated for John R. Van Sickle (P)
NORTHWEST TEXAS
L. D. Patton (R) was seated for Wendell M. Tooley (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Thomas H. Albright (R) was seated for *Paul J. Beeman* (P)
SOUTH DAKOTA
J. W. McCarty (R) was seated for Persis Flint (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
William H. Hinson (R) was seated for *Guy K. Hutcherson* (P)
W. R. Key (R) was seated for *A. Jason Shirah* (P)
SOUTH INDIANA
Charles DuMond was seated for *J. Kenneth Forbes* (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Mildred Hilts (R) was seated for Diane Moats (P)
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Lila B. Teer (R) was seated for John R. Rider (P)
SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY
Ernest S. Lyght (R) was seated for *Ernest W. Lee* (P)
Ernest S. Lyght (R) was seated for *Edward B. Cheney* (P)
TENNESSEE
George Turner (R) was seated for Floyd Ford (P)
TROY
David A. Giles (R) was seated for *Royal B. Fishbeck* (P)
C. Julian Parrish (R) was seated for Arthur L. Doty (P)
VIRGINIA
Kathi Hughes (R) was seated for Willard H. Douglas, Jr. (P)
George S. Lightner (R) was seated for *Theodore E. Landis* (P)
Harvey W. Ashby (R) was seated for *J. Roy Smith* (P)

WEST MICHIGAN
Gerald A. Pohly (R) was seated for *Lawrence R. Taylor* (P)
WESTERN NEW YORK
William B. Grossman, Jr. (R) was seated for *Richard W. Harrington* (P)

Report No. 11

Changes in the seating of delegates for the afternoon of May 1, 1976:
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Robert M. Daugherty (R) was seated for *Robert P. Longenecker* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Russell Corey (R) was seated for Joseph T. Johnson (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
J. Taylor Phillips (R) was seated for S. Walter Martin (P)
WISCONSIN
J. Wesley Corbin (R) was seated for *Donald D. Fenner* (P)

Report No. 12

Changes in the seating of delegates for the evening of May 1, 1976:
MINNESOTA
David Roberson (R) was seated for Leonard Harkness (P)
WISCONSIN
Doris Foote (R) was seated for Joyce Mevis (P)

Report No. 13

Changes in the seating of delegates for the morning of May 3, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Louise M. Smallwood (R) was seated for Barbara R. Thompson (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Shizue Yoshina (R) was seated for Gwendolyn B. Williams (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Larry L. Lawler (R) was seated for *Floy J. Ekin* (P)
EAST OHIO
Arthur R. Kirk (R) was seated for *Robert Courtney* (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Carlton Dodge (R) was seated for Mark Albright (P)
IOWA
Weldon A. Whitenack (R) was seated for *Wayne E. Shoemaker* (P)
J. Roland Crandall (R) was seated for *Donald Arthur* (P)
Margaret Clayburg (R) was seated for Rosalie J. Bentzinger (P)
LITTLE ROCK
John F. Walker (R) was seated for *John P. Miles* (R)
LOUISIANA
William H. Patrick, Jr. (P) resumed seat
W. D. Cotton (P) resumed seat
Wyatt D. Boddie (R) was seated for *Alfred L. Norris* (P)
MEMPHIS
Edwin J. Diggs (R) was seated for *J. Harold Beaty* (P)
MISSISSIPPI
Warren E. Pittman (R) was seated for *Clay F. Lee, Jr.* (P)
NEBRASKA
Clarence J. Forsberg (R) was seated for *Emmett T. Streeter* (P)
Merle A. Zook (R) was seated for *Kenneth W. Hicks* (P)
Richard D. Nesmith (R) was seated for *John H. Mikkelsen* (P)
Richard D. Nesmith (R) was seated for *C. Rex Bevins* (P)
Lowen V. Kruse (R) was seated for *Alva H. Clark* (P)

NEW YORK
John E. Carrington (R) was seated for *Irving A. Marsland, Jr.* (P)
John A. Collins (R) was seated for *Paul F. Abel* (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Gordon McKinney (R) was seated for *Allen D. Montgomery* (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Wayne C. Jarvis (R) was seated for *Earl B. Carter* (P)
Marvin Gaither (R) was seated for Robert D. Cheyne (P)
Gene Brand (R) was seated for Homer H. Fulbright (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Albert F. Fisher (R) was seated for *Charles H. Mercer* (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Thomas A. Whiting (R) was seated for *T. Cecil Myers* (P)
NORTH TEXAS
Clarence A. Guittard (P) resumed seat
Mary May (R) was seated for Judy M. Gilreath (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Arthur J. Landwehr (R) was seated for *Edsel A. Ammons* (P)
NORTHWEST PHILIPPINES
Esperanza B. Bailen (R) was seated for Restituto F. Samson (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Walter A. MacArthur (R) was seated for *Paul J. Beeman* (P)
Paul J. Beeman (P) resumed seat
Barbara J. Wilde (P) resumed seat
SOUTH CAROLINA
Edward Jenkins (R) was seated for *John W. Curry, Sr.* (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
Lawrence E. Houston, Jr. (R) was seated for *G. Ross Freeman* (P)
W. R. Key (R) was seated for *David A. Duck* (P)
V. L. Daughtery, Jr. (R) was seated for *Guy K. Hutcherson* (P)
William H. Hinson (R) was seated for *A. Jason Shirah* (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Michael Lugo (P) resumed seat
TEXAS
Don Strickland (P) was seated for James Z. Roberts (R)
TROY
Arthur L. Doty (P) resumed seat
Royal B. Fishbeck, Jr. (P) resumed seat
VIRGINIA
Donald A. Vantine (R) was seated for J. Edgar Rowe (P)
Kathi Hughes (R) was seated for William T. Robey, Jr. (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Cecil H. Marcellus, Jr. (R) was seated for *Philip L. Shore, Jr.* (P)
Joetta D. Rinehardt (R) was seated for Murphy Nelson (P)
Mary E. Bethea (R) was seated for Joe C. Totherow (P)
WISCONSIN
Gerald A. Krause (R) was seated for *Perry H. Saito* (P)
J. Wesley Corbin (R) was seated for *Gordon R. Bender* (P)
Doris Foote (R) was seated for Ruth Tubbs (P)

Report No. 14

Changes in the seating of delegates for the afternoon of May 3, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Blanche R. Powell (R) was seated for Annie R. Thompson (P)

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Harry E. Shaner (R) was seated for *Lloyd K. Wake* (P)
Gwendolyn B. Williams (P) resumed seat
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Robert W. Thornburg (R) was seated for *Burt A. McIntosh* (P)
Dale E. Pitcher (R) was seated for *Frank H. Nestler* (P)
Jinny Gordon (R) was seated for Richard E. Reeves (P)
A. Lewis Long (R) was seated for Porter J. Womeldorff (P)
CENTRAL TEXAS
H. F. Meier, Jr. (R) was seated for *Luther W. Henry, Jr.* (P)
James W. Darnell (R) was seated for *Walter L. Underwood* (P)
Jack Riley (R) was seated for *Sidney Roberts* (P)
DETROIT
William T. Robinson (R) was seated for *Woodie W. White* (P)
Paton M. Zimmerman (R) was seated for William C. Hitchcock (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Claude A. Edmonds (R) was seated for *Charles S. Kerr* (P)
FLORIDA
Paul L. Hartsfield (R) was seated for *J. Lloyd Knox* (P)
Inez S. Tisdale (R) was seated for T. Winston Cole (P)
William W. Roughton (R) was seated for *Gene Zimmerman* (P)
Eldon Simmons (R) was seated for *M. McCoy Gibbs* (P)
Robert D. Bledsoe (R) was seated for *C. Durward McDonnell* (P)
Monroe C. Hatch (R) was seated for *W. Scott Bozeman* (P)
IOWA
J. Roland Crandall (R) was seated for *Stanley C. Kennedy* (P)
Richard C. Pfaltzgraff (R) was seated for *Harold W. Dellitt* (P)
LITTLE ROCK
John F. Walker (R) was seated for *George W. Martin* (P)
LOUISIANA
L. Ray Branton (R) was seated for *Benedict A. Galloway* (P)
Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. (R) was seated for *W. T. Handy, Jr.* (P)
Hubert M. Blanchard (R) was seated for J. Robert Kemmerly (P)
MEMPHIS
Lillie B. Cole (R) was seated for Roy Stephenson (P)
D. W. Simmons (R) was seated for *J. Harold Beaty* (P)
Edwin J. Diggs (R) was seated for *Jack H. Henton* (P)
Ed L. Crump, Jr. (P) resumed seat
NEBRASKA
Kendall D. Schwab (R) was seated for Norbert Sukovaty (P)
NEW YORK
H. Burnham Kirkland (R) was seated for *F. Herbert Skeete* (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Denson N. Franklin (R) was seated for *R. E. Kimbrough* (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Jim Beal (R) was seated for *Charles P. McDonald* (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Albert F. Fisher (R) was seated for *Harvey L. Watson* (P)
Irene F. Gattis (R) was seated for J. Nelson Gibson (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Herchel H. Sheets (R) was seated for *William H. Ruff* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Othello Ellis (R) was seated for Helen Fannings (P)
John C. Ferguson (R) was seated for *Charles W. Jordan* (P)

RIO GRANDE
Miguel Hernandez, Jr. (R) was seated for Oscar O. Garza, IV (P)
SOUTH DAKOTA
Russell E. Tarver (R) was seated for *Earl H. Butz* (P)
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Robert Fearheiley (R) was seated for Freda Hasler (P)
TENNESSEE
Thomas K. Potter (R) was seated for Floyd Ford (P)
VIRGINIA
Robert P. Parker (R) was seated for *Esdras S. Gruver* (P)
George S. Lightner (R) was seated for *Ralph K. Eutsler* (P)
WESTERN NEW YORK
Betty B. Gundlach (R) was seated for Joseph H. Kite, Jr. (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Mrs. James E. Smith (R) was seated for Wesley Bailey (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
James Donner (R) was seated for Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (P)
G. Eugene Rote (R) was seated for Joyce Anderegg (R)
KOREA
Carl W. Judy (R) was seated for *Ki Chul Nam* (P)

Report No. 15

Changes in the seating of delegates for the evening of May 3, 1976:
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
J. William Cosby (R) was seated for J. Melvin Brawn (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Porter J. Womeldorff (P) resumed seat
Richard E. Reeves (P) resumed seat
Frank H. Nestler (P) resumed seat
Burt A. McIntosh (P) resumed seat
DETROIT
Wayne B. Middleton (R) was seated for Frieda Spafford (P)
William C. Hitchcock (P) resumed seat
Woodie W. White (P) resumed seat
FLORIDA
Florence L. Sapp (R) was seated for Barbara B. Wilcox (P)
Patrick W. McBride (R) was seated for *M. McCoy Gibbs* (P)
Robert D. Bledsoe (R) was seated for *Ernest W. Newman* (P)
IOWA
Glen Thompson (R) was seated for Wayne Marty (P)
LITTLE ROCK
William M. Shepherd (R) was seated for Richard P. Meredith (P)
LOUISIANA
John B. Tubb (R) was seated for L. K. Mason (P)
Hubert M. Blanchard (R) was seated for J. R. Kemmerly (P)
William T. Handy, Jr. (P) resumed seat
Travis Lea Joyner (R) was seated for *Douglas L. McGuire* (P)
MEMPHIS
J. Harold Beaty (P) resumed seat
Jack H. Henton (P) resumed seat
Roy Stephenson (P) resumed seat
NEBRASKA
Kendall D. Schwab (R) was seated for Norbert Sukovaty (P)
Eunice Harrington (R) was seated for Robert M. Harris (P)

NORTH ARKANSAS
Gene Brand (R) was seated for Nadine Hardin (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Adolphus S. Dickerson (R) was seated for *T. Cecil Myers* (P)
NORTH INDIANA
J. C. Williams (R) was seated for *Willis B. Gierhart* (P)
NORTH TEXAS
E. C. Ranson (R) was seated for George M. Boswell (P)
Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III (R) was seated for *Bruce R. Weaver* (P)
OREGON-IDAHO
Floyd C. Hill (R) was seated for Erwin H. Schwiebert (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Walter A. MacArthur (R) was seated for *Stanley P. DePano* (P)
Thomas H. Albright (R) was seated for *Norman R. Lawson* (P)
SOUTH CAROLINA
James H. Nates (R) was seated for *Omega Newman* (P)
Fletcher Carter (P) was absent
R. L. Grigsby (P) was absent
SOUTH GEORGIA
William H. Hinson (R) was seated for *David A. Duck* (P)
Lawrence E. Houston (R) was seated for *C. E. Cariker* (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Ronald H. Warner (P) resumed seat
VIRGINIA
Donald A. Vantine (R) was seated for William T. Robey, Jr. (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Mrs. James E. Smith (R) was seated for William T. Boyd (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
James Donner (R) was seated for Franklin Blackstone, Jr. (P)
WISCONSIN
Betty Chamberlain (R) was seated for Irene Cramer (P)
KOREA
Carl W. Judy (R) was seated for *Bishop Chang Hee Kim* (P)

Report No. 16

Changes in the seating of delegates for the morning session, May 4, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Laverne E. Rohrbaugh (R) was seated for *David H. Andrews* (P)
Harold B. Wright (R) was seated for *Carroll L. Yingling, Jr.* (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Glenda C. Thomas (R) was seated for *Thomas P. Grissom* (P)
Jonah J. Chang (R) was seated for *Lloyd K. Wake* (P)
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
G. Jackson Miller (R) was seated for R. Andrew Lady (P)
DETROIT
Frieda Spafford (P) resumed seat
EAST OHIO
Gene Boyer (R) was seated for Betty Clymer (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Olive Quickel (R) was seated for Lawton Shroyer (P)
FLORIDA
Inez S. Tisdale (R) was seated for T. Winston Cole (P)
Richard L. Cash (R) was seated for Polly L. Cook (P)

IOWA
Weldon A. Whitenack (R) was seated for *Edwin C. Boulton* (P)
J. Roland Crandall (R) was seated for *P. Boyd Mather* (P)
LITTLE ROCK
John F. Walker (R) was seated for *Negail R. Riley* (P)
LOUISIANA
Alfred L. Norris (P) resumed seat
Douglas L. McGuire (P) resumed seat
J. R. Kemmerly (P) resumed seat
L. K. Mason (P) resumed seat
MEMPHIS
Walter E. Mischke, Jr. (R) was seated for *J. Harold Beaty* (P)
NEW YORK
John C. Eversley (R) was seated for Sydney H. Atkinson (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Michael D. Miles (R) was seated for Ed Montgomery (P)
Alex H. Woodall (R) was seated for George Hundley (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Jim Beal (R) was seated for *Ben F. Jordan* (P)
Wayne C. Jarvis (R) was seated for *Charles P. McDonald* (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Irene F. Gattis (R) was seated for Richard B. Bryant (P)
Albert F. Fisher (R) was seated for *James H. McCallum* (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Eleanor Richardson (R) was seated for Bert Lance (P)
NORTH INDIANA
Richard L. Olson (R) was seated for Charles E. Hefley (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
Mrs. Willie C. Stovall (R) was seated for George Berry (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Bill L. Bryan (R) was seated for *Eugene M. Wykle* (P)
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
Clarice M. Howe (R) was seated for Clair W. Black (P)
NORTHWEST TEXAS
Jim T. Pickens (R) was seated for *Clifford E. Trotter* (P)
OREGON-IDAHO
Eleanor Blair (R) was seated for Erwin H. Schwiebert (P)
Gene C. Albertson (R) was seated for *William O. Walker* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Carroll W. Krupke (R) was seated for Barbara J. Wilde (P)
Stanley P. DePano (P) resumed seat
PUERTO RICO
Gildo Sanchez (R) was seated for *Moises Freites* (P)
Francisco Franceschi (R) was seated for Victoria Hernandez (P)
RIO GRANDE
Miguel Hernandez, Jr. (R) was seated for Oscar O. Garza (P)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Harold C. Knudsen (R) was seated for *Calvin D. McConnell* (P)
SOUTH DAKOTA
Walter McCarty (R) was seated for Mrs. Persis Flint (P)
Richard D. Pittenger (R) was seated for *Earl H. Butz* (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
Norman R. Johnson (R) was seated for George A. Wright (P)
TENNESSEE
Floyd Ford (P) resumed seat

VIRGINIA
Donald A. Vantine (R) was seated for W. Roland Walker (P)
Robert P. Parker (R) was seated for *James R. Smith* (P)
Harvey W. Ashby (R) was seated for *William E. Knight* (P)
Kathi Hughes (R) was seated for William T. Robey, Jr. (P)
WESTERN NEW YORK
Betty B. Gundlach (R) was seated for Joseph H. Kite, Jr. (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
M. Wilson Nesbitt, Jr. (R) was seated for *John H. Christy, Jr.* (P)
Mrs. James E. Smith (R) was seated for Wesley Bailey (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
John W. Russell (R) was seated for *H. Donald Lash* (P)

Report No. 17

Changes in the seating of delegates for the afternoon session,May 4, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Blanche R. Powell (R) was seated for Thurman L. Dodson (P)
Harold B. Wright (R) was seated for *Edward B. Lewis* (R)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Jose O. Barron (R) was seated for *Martha G. Rowlett* (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Dale Catlin (R) was seated for *Wayne C. Hess* (P)
Larry L. Lawler (R) was seated for *Paul E. Unger* (P)
Dale E. Pitcher (R) was seated for *Walter D. Krech* (P)
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
Paul E. Stambach (R) was seated for *Arthur W. Stambach* (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Robert M. Daugherty (R) was seated for *George W. Bashore* (P)
Claude A. Edmonds (R) was seated for *F. Lewis Walley* (P)
LITTLE ROCK
William M. Shepherd (R) was seated for Zenobia P. Waters (P)
MEMPHIS
Susan Rubye Lamb (R) was seated for Roy Stephenson (P)
William S. Evans, II (R) was seated for *J. Harold Beaty* (P)
MINNESOTA
Velma Walker (R) was seated for Kathleen Haining (P)
MISSOURI WEST
Joyce Raye Patterson (R) was seated for E. C. Walker (P)
NEBRASKA
Eunice Harrington (R) was seated for G. Alan Dunlap (P)
NEW YORK
John E. Carrington (R) was seated for *Douglas F. Verdin* (P)
H. Burnham Kirkland (R) was seated for *F. Herbert Skeete* (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Michael D. Miles (R) was seated for Ed Montgomery (P)
Charles F. Betts (R) was seated for *R. E. Kimbrough* (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Wayne C. Jarvis (R) was seated for *Joel A. Cooper* (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Irene F. Gattis (R) was seated for Jean Dorsett (P)
Albert F. Fisher (R) was seated for *Harold F. Leatherman* (P)
NORTH DAKOTA
Eve Hook (R) was seated for *David Knecht* (P)

NORTH GEORGIA
Richard Fleet (R) was seated for Paul Webb, Jr. (P)
Marion J. Sherrill (R) was seated for *L. Bevel Jones, III* (P)
Herchel Sheets (R) was seated for *T. Cecil Myers* (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
Merlin D. Conoway (P) resumed seat
E. A. Bailey (P) resumed seat
George L. Berry (P) resumed seat
William F. Appleby (R) was seated for *E. A. Bailey* (P)
William L. Wallace (R) was seated for *Merlin D. Conoway* (P)
NORTH TEXAS
William Joseph Washington (R) was seated for *Zan Holmes, Jr.* (P)
Wilfred M. Bailey (R) was seated for *Thomas J. Shipp* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Finees Flores (R) was seated for *Jose R. Velazquez* (P)
NORTHERN PHILIPPINES
C. Ruben Banez (R) was seated for Feliciano Turingan (P)
NORTHWEST TEXAS
Jim T. Pickens (R) was seated for *Darris L. Egger* (P)
OREGON-IDAHO
James H. Jenkins (R) was seated for *Alice G. Morrison* (R)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Norman R. Lawson (P) resumed seat
Stanley P. DePano (P) resumed seat
ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Marti S. Zimmerman (R) was seated for Edward R. Naylor (P)
Harold C. Knudsen (R) was seated for *Jameson Jones* (P)
SOUTH CAROLINA
James H. Nates (R) was seated for *James S. Barrett* (P)
SOUTH DAKOTA
Richard D. Pittenger (R) was seated for *Earl H. Butz* (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
J. Taylor Phillips (R) was seated for Ina Randitt (P)
V. L. Daughtery (R) was seated for *C. Wilburne Hancock* (P)
W. R. Key (R) was seated for *A. Jason Shirah* (P)
Lawrence E. Houston, Jr. (R) was seated for *C. E. Cariker* (P)
William H. Hinson (R) was seated for *G. Ross Freeman* (P)
Norman R. Johnson (R) was seated for Augusta Carruth (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Peter F. Chen (R) was seated for *James S. Barrett* (P)
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Billy G. Hahs (R) was seated for *Roland A. Lippman* (P)
TENNESSEE
Thomas K. Potter (R) was seated for Gladys M. Fitts (P)
VIRGINIA
Harvey W. Ashby (R) was seated for *Harold H. Fink* (P)
WEST MICHIGAN
Mildred D. Page (R) was seated for Bernard R. Shashaguay (P)
WEST OHIO
Austin R. Whitmore (R) was seated for *William E. Smith* (P)
Herman A. Emmert (R) was seated for *William K. Messmer* (P)
WESTERN NEW YORK
Betty B. Gundlach (R) was seated for John H. Minsker (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
James Donner (R) was seated for Herbert L. Gwyer (P)

WISCONSIN
Gerald A. Krause (R) was seated for *Abraham Carey* (P)
Doris Foote (R) was seated for Michael Gray (P)

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Changes in seating for the evening of May 4, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Harold B. Wright (R) was seated for *Herbert L. D. Doggett* (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Glenda C. Thomas (R) was seated for *Thomas P. Grissom* (P)
Molly E. Cunningham (R) was seated for Kathryn Carroll (P)
Jonah J. Chang (R) was seated for *Arthur V. Thurman* (P)
Shizue Yoshina (R) was seated for Kathy LaPoint (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Richard E. Reeves (P) resumed seat
Wayne C. Hess (P) resumed seat
Walter D. Krech (P) resumed seat
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Philip Herr, II (R) was seated for Horace F. Ether (P)
FLORIDA
Monroe C. Hatch (R) was seated for *W. Scott Bozeman* (P)
Donald M. Mackay (R) was seated for *Walter B. Rutland* (P)
William W. Roughton (R) was seated for *Millard C. Cleveland* (P)
LOUISIANA
Edward R. Thomas (R) was seated for *James W. Hearn* (P)
Hubert M. Blanchard (R) was seated for Inez W. Chrisentery (P)
John B. Tubb (R) was seated for L. K. Mason (P)
Louis R. Branton (R) was seated for *Alfred L. Norris* (P)
Travis Lea Joyner (R) was seated for *William T. Handy, Jr.* (P)
MEMPHIS
J. Harold Beaty (P) resumed seat
Roy Stephenson (P) resumed seat
NEBRASKA
Kendall Schwab (R) was seated for Norbert Sukovaty (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Gene Brand (R) was seated for Mildred Osment (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Ruth E. Wegner (R) was seated for *Charles W. Jordan* (P)
Maceo D. Pembroke (R) was seated for *Willie B. Clay* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Barbara J. Wilde (P) resumed seat
RIO GRANDE
Roy D. Barton (R) was seated for *Jose Galindo* (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
W. R. Key (R) was seated for *David A. Duck* (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Peter F. Chen (R) was seated for *N. Robert Kesler* (P)
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Lila B. Teer (R) was seated for John R. Rider (P)
TENNESSEE
Gladys M. Fitts (P) resumed seat
VIRGINIA
Robert P. Parker (R) was seated for *Joseph T. Carson, Jr.* (P)

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Mrs. James E. Smith (R) was seated for Clarence M. Winchester (P)
L. Donald Ellis (R) was seated for *James C. Peters* (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
James Donner (R) was seated for William M. Beatty (P)

Report No. 19

Changes in the seating of delegates for the morning session of May 5, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Wilmer V. Bell (R) was seated for Barbara R. Thompson (P)
BOMBAY
John B. Dass (R) was seated for *Justin N. Harris* (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Glenda C. Thomas (R) was seated for *Clifford Droke* (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Larry L. Lawler (R) was seated for *Burt A. McIntosh* (P)
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
G. Jackson Miller (R) was seated for Robert E. Knupp (P)
EAST OHIO
Gene Boyer (R) was seated for Thomas P. Moore (P)
FLORIDA
John E. Winters (R) was seated for *Hector Navas* (P)
KANSAS WEST
Glenn E. Matthew (R) was seated for *Clarence M. Fogleman, Jr.* (P)
LOUISIANA
James W. Hearn (P) resumed seat
Hubert M. Blanchard (R) was seated for L. K. Mason (P)
Inez W. Chrisentery (P) was seated for Hubert M. Blanchard (R)
Alfred L. Norris (P) resumed seat
William T. Handy, Jr. (P) resumed seat
MEMPHIS
Susan Lamb (R) was seated for Virginia Whitworth (P)
NEBRASKA
Eunice Harrington (R) was seated for Robert M. Harris (P)
NEW YORK
John A. Collins (R) was seated for *J. Philip Gehres* (P)
John E. Carrington (R) was seated for *Irving A. Marsland, Jr.* (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Alex H. Woodall (R) was seated for George Hundley (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Martha Garrick (R) was seated for Jean Dorsett (P)
Irene Gattis (R) was seated for John Meares (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
Israel L. Rucker (R) was seated for *Merlin D. Conoway* (P)
NORTH TEXAS
Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III (R) was seated for *R. Bruce Weaver* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Arthur J. Landwehr (R) was seated for *Charles S. Jarvis* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Aloha M. Wyckoff (R) was seated for Norma C. Eby (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr. (R) was seated for Elizabeth Ambler (P)
VIRGINIA
Harvey W. Ashby (R) was seated for *Jacob W. Mast* (P)

George S. Lightner (R) was seated for *William E. Knight* (P)
Kathi Hughes (R) was seated for John B. Russell (P)
WEST OHIO
Paul B. Momberg (R) was seated for Daniel C. Jenkins (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Mary E. Bethea (R) was seated for Joe C. Totherow (P)
Thomas B. Stockton (R) was seated for *Thomas A. Langford* (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
James Donner (R) was seated for Barbara Blackstone (P)
John W. Russell (R) was seated for *Nelson E. Stants* (P)
Gene E. Sease (R) was seated for *James A. Woomer* (P)
Robert C. Howe (R) was seated for *Robert C. Siess* (P)

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Changes in the seating of delegates for the afternoon session, May 5, 1976:
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA
Cecil E. Bradley (R) was seated for *Paul A. Duffey* (P)
BALTIMORE
Harold B. Wright (R) was seated for *C. Douglas Cooney* (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Jose O. Barron (R) was seated for *Arthur V. Thurman* (P)
Shizue Yoshina (R) was seated for Frank Webber (P)
Molly E. Cunningham (R) was seated for Frances Hernandez (P)
Shizue Yoshina (R) was seated for Gwendolyn B. Williams (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Burt McIntosh (P) resumed seat
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
Paul E. Stambach (R) was seated for *David R. Higgins* (P)
CENTRAL TEXAS
Jean Meier (R) was seated for Roy Grogan (P)
DETROIT
Paton M. Zimmerman (R) was seated for James A. Starr (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Olive Quickel (R) was seated for Harold H. Quickel (P)
Claude A. Edmonds (R) was seated for *F. Lewis Walley* (P)
FLORIDA
Robert D. Bledsoe (R) was seated for *Alfred A. Hedberg* (P)
IOWA
J. Roland Crandall (R) was seated for *C. Dendy Garrett* (P)
Weldon A. Whitenack (R) was seated for *Arthur B. Campney* (P)
Richard C. Pfaltzgraff (R) was seated for *Alferd E. Wilken* (P)
KANSAS WEST
Chester L. Osborn (R) was seated for *Clarence M. Fogleman, Jr.* (P)
NEW YORK
Elizabeth Searle (R) was seated for Jeanette Winton (P)
John E. Carrington (R) was seated for *F. Herbert Skeete* (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Charles F. Betts (R) was seated for *Robert C. Morgan* (P)
NORTH DAKOTA
Eve Hook (R) was seated for *David Knecht* (P)
Faye Sundin (R) was seated for Robert Sundin (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Herchel H. Sheets (R) was seated for *T. Cecil Myers* (P)
Richard Fleet (R) was seated for Paul Webb, Jr. (P)

NORTH INDIANA
J. C. Williams (R) was seated for *Virgil V. Bjork* (P)
NORTH TEXAS
Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III (R) was seated for *William E. Trice* (P)
Wilfred M. Bailey (R) was seated for *Zan Holmes, Jr.* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Russell Corey (R) was seated for Joseph T. Johnson (P)
Margaret Wilkins (R) was seated for Helen Fannings (P)
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
B. Milton Hargrove (R) was seated for *Robert B. Goodwin* (P)
NORTHERN PHILIPPINES
C. Ruben Banez (R) was seated for Feliciano Turingan (P)
NORTHWEST TEXAS
Jim T. Pickens (R) was seated for *Charles E. Lutrick* (P)
OREGON-IDAHO
C. Gene Albertson (R) was seated for *William O. Walker* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Thomas H. Albright (R) was seated for *Stanley P. DePano* (P)
Thomas H. Albright (R) was seated for *Joe A. Harding* (P)
Joe A. Harding (P) resumed seat
RIO GRANDE
Miguel Hernandez, Jr. (R) was seated for Oscar O. Garza, IV (P)
SOUTH CAROLINA
Omega Newman (P) was absent due to illness
Lois Burkhalter (P) was absent due to illness
SOUTH GEORGIA
V. L. Daughtery, Jr. (R) was seated for *C. Wilburne Hancock* (P)
Lawrence E. Houston, Jr. (R) was seated for *Guy K. Hutcherson* (P)
William H. Hinson (R) was seated for *C. E. Cariker* (P)
SOUTH INDIANA
George E. Rice (R) was seated for *J. Kenneth Forbes* (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Donald R. Locher (R) was seated for *Elias G. Galvan* (P)
Jane Lindsey (R) was seated for Pauline Bobbitt (P)
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Robert Fearheiley (R) was seated for Freda Hasler (P)
VIRGINIA
George S. Lightner (R) was seated for *Harry B. Eaton* (P)
Harvey W. Ashby (R) was seated for *Joseph T. Carson, Jr.* (P)
WEST MICHIGAN
Alden B. Burns (R) was seated for *David L. Crawford* (P)
WEST OHIO
Newell J. Wert (R) was seated for *William K. Messmer* (P)
WESTERN NEW YORK
Betty B. Gundlach (R) was seated for Joseph H. Kite, Jr. (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
L. Donald Ellis (R) was seated for *John H. Christy, Jr.* (P)
Thomas B. Stockton (R) was seated for *Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.* (P)
Cecil H. Marcellus, Jr. (R) was seated for *John L. McWhorter* (P)
Cecil H. Marcellus, Jr. (R) was seated for *R. Herman Nicholson* (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
G. Eugene Rote (R) was seated for Bernice Bishop (R)
James Donner (R) was seated for John G. Johnson (P)
WISCONSIN
Gerald A. Krause (R) was seated for *Stanford Strosahl* (P)

OKLAHOMA INDIANA MISSIONARY
Noah Long (R) was seated for *Thomas Roughface, Sr.* (P)

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Changes in the seating of delegates for the evening session, May 5, 1976:
ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA
John Hildreth (R) was seated for Alice F. Lee (P)
BALTIMORE
Blanche R. Powell (R) was seated for Thurman L. Dodson (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Jonah J. Chang (R) was seated for *Thomas P. Grissom* (P)
Harry E. Shaner (R) was seated for *Lloyd K. Wake* (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Dale Catlin (R) was seated for *Wayne C. Hess* (P)
DETROIT
James A. Starr (R) resumed seat
EAST OHIO
Arthur R. Kirk (R) was seated for *Robert Courtney* (P)
Gene Boyer (R) was seated for Virgil Zimmerman (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Philip Herr, II (R) was seated for Claude Schoenly (P)
FLORIDA
Monroe C. Hatch (R) was seated for *M. McCoy Gibbs* (P)
Harry L. Burney, Jr. (R) was seated for Ethel M. Gray (P)
Edith Goodwin (R) was seated for Barbara B. Wilcox (P)
Richard L. Cash (R) was seated for O. B. Fanning (P)
Florence L. Sapp (R) was seated for Olive B. Watson (P)
Robert D. Bledsoe (R) was seated for *Gene Zimmerman* (P)
Paul L. Hartsfield (R) was seated for *C. Durward McDonell* (P)
IOWA
Margaret Clayburg (R) was seated for Rainsford A. Brown, Sr. (P)
Barbara Dale (R) was seated for Marjorie Kreager (P)
KENTUCKY
Harold W. Dorsey (R) was seated for *Robert W. Gardner* (P)
MEMPHIS
Virginia Whitworth (P) resumed seat
NEBRASKA
Eunice Harrington (R) was seated for G. Alan Dunlap (P)
NEW YORK
Elizabeth Searle (R) was seated for William T. Staubach (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Louise Branscomb (R) was seated for Ed Montgomery (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Richard Fleet (R) was seated for Lee Drinkard (P)
Herchel H. Sheets (R) was seated for *Eugene T. Drinkard* (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
Mrs. Willie C. Stovall (R) was seated for Elizabeth Stansel (P)
William F. Appleby (R) was seated for *E. A. Bailey* (P)
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
B. Milton Hargrove (R) was seated for *Clark W. Hunt* (P)
OKLAHOMA
David L. Severe (R) was seated for *John W. Russell* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Aloha M. Wyckoff (R) was seated for Elaine J. Woodworth (P)

Elaine J. Woodworth (P) resumed seat
Stanley P. DePano (P) resumed seat
Thomas H. Albright (R) was seated for *Joe A. Harding* (P)
Joe A. Harding (P) resumed seat
RIO GRANDE
Roy D. Barton (R) was seated for *Jose Galindo* (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
Lawrence E. Houston, Jr. (R) was seated for *David A. Duck* (P)
Jack H. Braucht (R) was seated for S. Walter Martin (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Elias G. Galvan (P) resumed seat
Donald R. Locher (R) was seated for *J. Irwin Trotter* (P)
Pauline Bobbitt (P) resumed seat
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Elizabeth Ambler (P) resumed seat
VIRGINIA
Donald A. Vantine (R) was seated for Robert B. Carpenter, Jr. (P)
Kathi Hughes (R) was seated for John C. Simpson, Jr. (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
M. Wilson Nesbitt, Jr. (R) was seated for *James C. Peters* (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Gene E. Sease (R) was seated for *James A. Woomer* (P)
WISCONSIN
Gerald A. Krause (R) was seated for *Abraham Carey* (P)

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Changes in the seating of delegates for the morning session, May 6, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Blanche R. Powell (R) was seated for James F. W. Talley (P)
Laverne E. Rohrbaugh (R) was seated for *Wilson A. Shearer* (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Jinny Gordon (R) was seated for Anna F. Kennedy (P)
Wayne C. Hess (P) resumed seat
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
Paul E. Stambach (R) was seated for *Daniel L. Shearer* (P)
G. Jackson Miller (R) was seated for Charles E. Edgar (P)
IOWA
Glen Thompson (R) was seated for Kathy Miller Vilmont (P)
Weldon A. Whitenack (R) was seated for *Worthie K. Usher* (P)
LITTLE ROCK
John F. Walker (R) was seated for *George W. Martin* (P)
NEBRASKA
Eunice Harrington (R) was seated for Yvonne Ferris (P)
NEW YORK
Nora Q. Boots (R) was seated for Miriam Isaacs (P)
John E. Carrington (R) was seated for *Matthew H. Gates* (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Wayne C. Jarvis (R) was seated for *Joel A. Cooper* (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
Mrs. Willie C. Stovall (R) was seated for Granville D. Crockett (P)
Merlin D. Conoway (P) resumed seat
Elizabeth Stansel (P) resumed seat
NORTH TEXAS
Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III (R) was seated for *Thomas J.Shipp* (P)

OREGON-IDAHO
Dale C. Harris (R) was seated for *Thomas Whitehead* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Aloha M. Wyckoff (R) was seated for Willard A. Zellmer (P)
Willard A. Zellmer (P) resumed seat
Thomas H. Albright (R) was seated for *Joe A. Harding* (P)
Joe A. Harding (P) resumed seat
Thomas H. Albright (R) was seated for *Paul J. Beeman* (P)
SOUTH CAROLINA
Allen L. Code, Sr. (P) was absent due to illness
SOUTH GEORGIA
Fred D. McLendon, Jr. (R) was seated for *Guy K. Hutcherson* (P)
Jack H. Braucht (R) was seated for George A. Wright (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Candice Brown (R) was seated for Mary Lou Evans (P)
SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY
Ernest S. Lyght (R) was seated for *Carl W. Halvorsen* (P)
TENNESSEE
George Turner (R) was seated for Gladys M. Fitts (P)
VIRGINIA
Donald A. Vantine (R) was seated for John C. Simpson, Jr. (P)
Kathi Hughes (R) was seated for Luther W. White (P)
WEST OHIO
Paul B. Momberg (R) was seated for Daniel C. Jenkins (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
John W. Russell (R) was seated for *Nelson E. Stants* (P)
James Donner (R) was seated for Howard J. Horton (P)
G. Eugene Rote (R) was seated for George Hershberger (P)
WISCONSIN
J. Wesley Corbin (R) was seated for *Donald D. Fenner* (P)

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Changes in the seating of delegates for the afternoon session, May 6, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Harold B. Wright (R) was seated for *Herbert L. D. Doggett* (P)
Louise M. Smallwood (R) was seated for Annie R. Thompson (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Molly E. Cunningham (R) was seated for Gwendolyn B. Williams (P)
Jonah J. Chang (R) was seated for *Lloyd K. Wake* (P)
Glenda C. Thomas (R) was seated for *Thomas P. Grissom* (P)
Shizue Yoshina (R) was seated for Frances Hernandez (P)
Glenda C. Thomas (R) was seated for *Martha G. Rowlett* (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Larry L. Lawler (R) was seated for *Frank H. Nestler* (P)
Anna F. Kennedy (P) resumed seat
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
Elwood C. Zimmerman (R) was seated for *John P. Taylor* (P)
Gloria Keller (R) was seated for Geraldine B. Heilman (P)
DETROIT
Garfield H. Kellerman (R) was seated for *Robert E. Horton* (P)
EAST OHIO
Arthur R. Kirk (R) was seated for *Robert Tolbert* (P)
Walter Chisholm (R) was seated for *Allan Zagray* (P)

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Claude A. Edmonds (R) was seated for *Henry H. Nichols* (P)
Robert M. Daugherty (R) was seated for *Harold S. Peiffer* (P)
FLORIDA
Harry L. Burney, Jr. (R) was seated for Richard V. Moore (P)
Richard L. Cash (R) was seated for Frank H. Furman, Jr. (P)
Inez S. Tisdale (R) was seated for Beth A. Fogle (P)
IOWA
Glen Thompson (R) was seated for Wayne Marty (P)
Richard C. Pfaltzgraff (R) was seated for *Alferd E. Wilken* (P)
LITTLE ROCK
John F. Walker (R) was seated for *J. Edward Dunlap* (P)
LOUISIANA
John B. Tubb (R) was seated for Hubert M. Blanchard (R)
Clyde C. Frazier, Jr. (R) was seated for *David L. Dykes, Jr.* (P)
MEMPHIS
Walter E. Mischke, Jr. (R) was seated for *Jack H. Henton* (P)
MINNESOTA
Jeanne Audrey Powers (R) was seated for *H. Thomas Walker* (P)
NEBRASKA
Lowen V. Kruse (R) was seated for *Alva H. Clark* (P)
Kendall D. Schwab (R) was seated for Norbert Sukovaty (P)
NEW YORK
John E. Carrington (R) was seated for *F. Herbert Skeete* (P)
John C. Eversley (R) was seated for Gloster B. Current (P)
H. Burnham Kirkland (R) was seated for *Douglas F. Verdin* (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Charles F. Betts (R) was seated for *S. J. Elmore* (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Wayne C. Jarvis (R) was seated for *Ben F. Jordan* (P)
Jim Beal (R) was seated for *Charles P. McDonald* (P)
Marvin Gaither (R) was seated for Robert D. Cheyne (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Martha Garrick (R) was seated for Mildred Fry (P)
Albert F. Fisher (R) was seated for *Warren B. Petteway* (P)
NORTH DAKOTA
Faye Sundin (R) was seated for Robert Sundin (P)
Eve Hook (R) was seated for *David Knecht* (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Thomas A. Whiting (R) was seated for *Charles R. Williams* (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
Mrs. Willie C. Stovall (R) was seated for Joe Bailey, Jr. (P)
Granville D. Crockett (P) resumed seat
NORTH TEXAS
Wilfred M. Bailey (R) was seated for *Thomas J. Shipp* (P)
Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III (R) was seated for *Zan Holmes, Jr.* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
John C. Ferguson (R) was seated for *Charles W. Jordan* (P)
PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Carroll W. Krupke (R) was seated for Barbara J. Wilde (P)
SOUTH GEORGIA
Lawrence E. Houston, Jr. (R) was seated for *David A. Duck* (P)
V. L. Daughtery, Jr. (R) was seated for *A. Jason Shirah* (P)
William H. Hinson (R) was seated for *G. Ross Freeman* (P)

SOUTH INDIANA
Esther E. Edwards (R) was seated for *Robert W. Koenig* (P)
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Mary Lou Evans (P) resumed seat
TROY
David A. Giles (R) was seated for *Luther A. Patton* (P)
C. Julian Parrish (R) was seated for Arthur L. Doty (P)
VIRGINIA
George S. Lightner (R) was seated for *Joseph T. Carson, Jr.* (P)
WEST MICHIGAN
Alden B. Burns (R) was seated for *Marjorie S. Matthews* (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Robert C. Howe (R) was seated for *William B. Grove* (P)
YELLOWSTONE
Robert McFarlane (R) was seated for C. B. Nightingale (P)

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Changes in the seating of delegates for the evening session, May 6, 1976:
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Robert W. Thornburg (R) was seated for *Floy J. Ekin* (P)
Dale Catlin (R) was seated for *Eugene J. Moore* (P)
CENTRAL TEXAS
Roy Grogan (P) resumed seat
DETROIT
Robert E. Horton (P) resumed seat
EAST OHIO
Arthur R. Kirk (R) was seated for *Donald Burge* (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Robert M. Daugherty (R) was seated for *Robert P. Longenecker* (P)
FLORIDA
Eldon Simmons (R) was seated for *Alfred A. Hedberg* (P)
Paul L. Hartsfield (R) was seated for *W. Scott Bozeman* (P)
Inez S. Tisdale (R) was seated for T. Winston Cole (P)
Robert D. Bledsoe (R) was seated for *Ernest W. Newman* (P)
KANSAS WEST
Chester L. Osborn (R) was seated for *Richard B. Wilke* (P)
LOUISIANA
Edward R. Thomas (R) was seated for *David L. Dykes, Jr.* (P)
L. Ray Branton (R) was seated for *W. T. Handy, Jr.* (P)
Hubert M. Blanchard (R) was seated for John B. Tubb (R)
MEMPHIS
Jack H. Henton (R) resumed seat
MINNESOTA
H. Thomas Walker (P) resumed seat
NEBRASKA
Roberta Sugden (R) was seated for G. Alan Dunlap (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Claude W. Whitehead (R) was seated for *R. E. Kimbrough* (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Thomas A. Whiting (R) was seated for *T. Cecil Myers* (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
William F. Appleby (R) was seated for *Prentiss M. Gordon, Sr.* (P)
NORTH TEXAS
William Joseph Washington (R) was seated for *Thomas J. Shipp* (P)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Barbara J. Wilde (P) resumed seat
Paul J. Beeman (P) resumed seat
RIO GRANDE
Roy D. Barton (R) was seated for *Jose Galindo* (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Jane Lindsey (R) was seated for Ronald H. Warner (P)
SOUTH DAKOTA
J. Walter McCarty (R) was seated for Persis Flint (P)
TROY
Luther A. Patton (P) resumed seat
David A. Giles (R) was seated for *Arthur R. Melius* (P)
VIRGINIA
George S. Lightner (R) was seated for *William E. Knight* (P)
WEST MICHIGAN
John H. Kennaugh (R) was seated for Wanda R. Crosby (P)
WISCONSIN
Doris Foote (R) was seated for Leigh Roberts (P)
YELLOWSTONE
C. B. Nightingale (P) resumed seat
KOREA
Carl Judy (R) was seated for *Ki Chul Nam* (P)

Report No. 25

Changes in the seating of delegates for the morning session, May 7, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Harold B. Wright (R) was seated for *Edward B. Lewis* (R)
Louise M. Smallwood (R) was seated for Harry K. Underwood (P)
Wilmer Bell (R) was seated for Barbara R. Thompson (P)
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Glenda C. Thomas (R) was seated for *Martha G. Rowlett* (P)
CENTRAL ILLINOIS
Frank H. Nestler (P) resumed seat
Floy J. Ekin (P) resumed seat
Eugene J. Moore (P) resumed seat
DETROIT
Robert P. Ward (R) was seated for *Raymond R. Lamb* (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Robert M. Daugherty (R) was seated for *Mark J. Hostetter* (P)
FLORIDA
Inez S. Tisdale (R) was seated for Richard V. Moore (P)
Eldon Simmons (R) was seated for *J. Lloyd Knox* (P)
Patrick W. McBride (R) was seated for *Ernest W. Newman* (P)
LOUISIANA
Wyatt D. Boddie (R) was seated for *Edward R. Thomas* (R)
John B. Tubb (R) was seated for William H. Patrick, Jr. (P)
W. T. Handy, Jr. (P) resumed seat
NEBRASKA
Lowen V. Kruse (R) was seated for *Alva H. Clark* (P)
Lowen V. Kruse (R) was seated for *Kenneth W. Hicks* (P)
Donald J. Nunnally (R) was seated for *Marvin V. Herrick* (P)
Kendall D. Schwab (R) was seated for Norbert Sukovaty (P)
Eunice Harrington (R) was seated for Robert M. Harris (P)

NEW YORK
H. Burnham Kirkland (R) was seated for *William M. James* (P)
John E. Carrington (R) was seated for *Norma A. Rust* (P)
NORTH ALABAMA
Louise Branscomb (R) was seated for George Hundley (P)
Alex H. Woodall (R) was seated for Eddie Self (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Jim Beal (R) was seated for *Earl B. Carter* (P)
NORTH CAROLINA
Martha Garrick (R) was seated for George H. Forehand (P)
NORTH DAKOTA
Faye Sundin (R) was seated for Robert Sundin (P)
NORTH GEORGIA
Herchel H. Sheets (R) was seated for *William H. Ruff* (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
William F. Appleby (R) was seated for *Merlin D. Conoway* (P)
NORTH TEXAS
E. C. Ransom (R) was seated for Leo L. Baker (P)
William Joseph Washington (R) was seated for *Zan Holmes, Jr.* (P)
Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III (R) was seated for *William E. Trice* (P)
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Doris Rudy (R) was seated for Joseph T. Johnson (P)
NORTHWEST TEXAS
Jim T. Pickens (R) was seated for *Ted J. Dotts* (P)
OKLAHOMA
David L. Severe (R) was seated for *Merle B. Pulver* (P)
OREGON-IDAHO
Robert W. Burtner (P) resumed seat
PENINSULA
Harry V. Appleby (R) was seated for Frank A. Chapman (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Samuel E. Collett (R) was seated for *Phyllis Tyler Wayman* (P)
Mildred Hilts (R) was seated for Becky Kesler (P)
Becky Kesler (P) resumed seat
Mildred Hilts (R) was seated for Beverly J. Anderson (P)
Peter F. Chen (R) was seated for *Elias G. Galvan* (P)
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Robert Fearheiley (R) was seated for Freda Hasler (P)
Lila B. Teer (R) was seated for Marlene S. Cummins (P)
TENNESSEE
D. R. Buttrey (P) resumed seat
WEST MICHIGAN
Alden B. Burns (R) was seated for *David L. Crawford* (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
L. Donald Ellis (R) was seated for *Philip L. Shore, Jr.* (P)
Cecil H. Marcellus, Jr. (R) was seated for *James C. Peters* (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
James Donner (R) was seated for Barbara Blackstone (P)

Report No. 26

Changes in the seating of delegates for the afternoon session of May 7, 1976:
BALTIMORE
Laverne E. Rohrbaugh (R) was seated for *David H. Andrews* (P)
Blanche R. Powell (R) was seated for Thurman L. Dodson (P)

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
Paul E. Stambach (R) was seated for *David R. Higgins* (P)
Elwood C. Zimmerman (R) was seated for *Donald H. Treese* (P)
DETROIT
Paton M. Zimmerman (R) was seated for Mary H. Good (P)
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Claude A. Edmonds (R) was seated for *Henry H. Nichols* (P)
Philip Herr, II (R) was seated for Claude Schoenly (P)
FLORIDA
T. Winston Cole (P) resumed seat
IOWA
Richard C. Pfaltzgraff (R) was seated for *Harold W. Dellit* (P)
Weldon A. Whitenack (R) was seated for *Worthie K. Usher* (P)
Glen Thompson (R) was seated for Kathy Miller Vilmont (P)
LITTLE ROCK
John F. Walker, Jr. (P) resumed seat
William M. Shepherd (R) was seated for Don L. Riggin (P)
NEBRASKA
Lowen V. Kruse (R) was seated for *John H. Mikkelsen* (P)
Lowen V. Kruse (R) was seated for *Emmett T. Streeter* (P)
NORTH ARKANSAS
Jim Beal (R) was seated for *Charles P. McDonald* (P)
NORTH MISSISSIPPI
William L. Wallace, Jr. (R) was seated for *E. A. Bailey* (P)
OKLAHOMA
S. Covey Page (R) was seated for Dolphus Whitten, Jr. (P)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN
James L. Barber (R) was seated for *Jameson Jones* (P)
SOUTH CAROLINA
Omega Newman (P) was absent due to illness
SOUTH GEORGIA
Jack H. Braucht (R) was seated for Augusta Carruth (P)
V. L. Daughtery, Jr. (R) was seated for *David A. Duck* (P)
W. R. Key (R) was seated for *A. Jason Shirah* (P)
Norman R. Johnson (R) was seated for Augusta Carruth (P)
J. Taylor Phillips (R) was seated for S. Walter Martin (P)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
F. Thomas Trotter (R) was seated for *Richard W. Cain* (P)
Cornish R. Rogers (R) was seated for *DeWane R. Zimmerman* (P)
Lois Seifert (R) was seated for Michael Lugo (P)
Richard W. Cain (P) resumed seat
Mildred Hilts (R) was seated for Milton K. Asano (P)
TENNESSEE
Thomas K. Potter (R) was seated for Floyd Ford (P)
WEST MICHIGAN
Carlos C. Page (R) was seated for *John L. Francis* (P)
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Mrs. James E. Smith (R) was seated for Clarence M. Winchester (P)
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Robert C. Howe (R) was seated for *Delbert E. Jollye* (P)
KOREA
Carl W. Judy (R) was seated for *Ki Chul Nam* (P)

Report No. 27

Changes in the seating of delegates for the evening session of May 7, 1976:

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA
Jonah J. Chang (R) was seated for *Lloyd K. Wake* (P)
Glenda C. Thomas (R) was seated for *Thomas P. Grissom* (P)

EAST OHIO
Gene Boyer (R) was seated for Virgil Zimmerman (P)

KENTUCKY
Harold W. Dorsey (R) was seated for *Robert W. Gardner* (P)

NORTH ARKANSAS
Jim Beal (R) was seated for *Ben F. Jordan* (P)

NORTH DAKOTA
Eve Hook (R) was seated for *David Knecht* (P)

NORTH MISSISSIPPI
William L. Wallace, Jr. (R) was seated for *Prentiss M. Gordon, Sr.* (P)
E. A. Bailey (P) resumed seat

NORTH TEXAS
Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III (R) was seated for *Thomas J. Shipp* (P)

OREGON-IDAHO
Dorenne Uppinghouse (R) was seated for Dorothy Patch (P)

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
Carroll W. Krupke (R) was seated for Barbara J. Wilde (P)
Aloha M. Wyckoff (R) was seated for Elaine J. Woodworth (P)

SOUTH GEORGIA
Jack H. Braucht (R) was seated for George A. Wright (P)
William H. Hinson (R) was seated for *G. Ross Freeman* (P)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA
Charles W. Choi (R) was seated for Michael Lugo (P)

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
Candice Brown (R) was seated for Harold F. Smith (P)
Berynce Mitchell (R) was seated for Walter Thompson (P)

WEST MICHIGAN
Carlos C. Page (R) was seated for *Keith I. Pohl* (P)

4. FRATERNAL DELEGATES

For membership see page 20.
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5. JOURNAL

For membership see page 20.

Report No. 1

The Committee on Journal has met and considered the process by which the events of General Conference are recorded, transcribed, edited, and published.

It is our judgment that the process is sound, and that the most useful function this committee can perform is to monitor the record for inadvertent errors and provide for their correction.

To this end, members of the Conference are urged to communicate in writing

such needs for correction to the chairperson of the Committee on Journal, the Rev. Fred Coots, at the office of the Secretary of the General Conference, Room 7.

Fred H. Coots, *Chairperson*
A. McKay Brabham, Jr., *Secretary*

Report No. 2

The Journal Committee has examined the record as presented in the *Daily Christian Advocate* of April 29, 1976, and finds it correct.

Fred H. Coots, *Chairperson*

Report No. 3

Editorial corrections have been made at the request of Mr. Gregorio Bailen (Northwest Philippines), pages 214 and 215; and of Mr. Hermann Sticher (South Germany), page 226, *DCA*.

After the *DCA* has been printed, corrections will be made only at the written request of the speaker, subject to verification from the recorded tape.

Corrections will be printed in the *DCA* only when they substantially affect the report to or the action of the General Conference.

The committee has examined the record as printed April 30, 1976, and finds it correct.

Fred H. Coots, *Chairperson*

Report No. 4

The Journal Committee has examined the record as printed May 1, 1976, and finds it correct.

Fred H. Coots, *Chairperson*

Report No. 5

The Committee on Journal has examined the record as printed May 3, 1976, and finds it correct.

Martha Boyd Watson, *Vice-Chairperson*

Report No. 6

We have received note of a correction in the Proceedings of Friday morning, April 30, *DCA*, p. 314, as communicated by Carl W. Judy of the Korean Methodist Church.

The committee has examined the record as printed Tuesday, May 4, and finds it correct.

Fred H. Coots, *Chairperson*

Report No. 7

The Committee on Journal has examined the record as printed in the May 5, 1976, *Daily Christian Advocate* and finds it to be correct.

Martha Boyd Watson, *Vice-Chairperson*

Report No. 8

The committee has received a correction to his remarks as printed on page 359 of the *DCA* from Bishop L. Scott Allen.

The committee has examined the record as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for May 6, 1976, and finds it correct.

Fred H. Coots, *Chairperson*

Report No. 9

The committee has examined the record as printed May 7, 1976, and finds it correct.

Any errors discovered after the General Conference adjourns should be sent to the Secretary of the General Conference, Dr. J. B. Holt, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX 75275.

Fred H. Coots, *Chairperson*

6. PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER

For membership see page 20.
Reports—pages 226-234, 239-241 (Interim Committee), 443-445, 507-508.

7. PRESIDING OFFICERS

For membership see page 20.
For report see list of Presiding Officers, page 14.

8. REFERENCE

For membership see page 21. (The listing of petitions is as it appeared in the *Daily Christian Advocate.* Inasmuch as there is no reasonable way to verify the names of individuals submitting petitions, only obvious errors of punctuation and spelling have been corrected from the *Daily Christian Advocate* printing.—Editor)

Report

Each petition received and referred to a Legislative Committee has been given both a code letter and a serial number. The code letter indicates the committee to which the petition has been referred, as follows (no group is numbered with the letter I):

A. Church and Society
B. Conferences
C. Discipleship
D. Higher Education and Ministry
E. Global Ministries
F. Local Church
G. Financial Administration
H. Council on Ministries
J. Independent Commissions
K. Administrative Order

Identical petitions, received together, have all been given the same number, with the number of identical petitions indicated. This has been done in the interest of economy of time, space, and money. Under each letter, petitions have been numbered serially, beginning with No. 1001. The numbering and lettering system has been adopted simply for the convenience of the secretarial staff in processing petitions. To identify a single petition, both its letter and number must be given.

Newell P. Knudson
Petitions Secretary

PETITIONS

A. Church and Society

A-1001. Editorial Changes in Paragraph 968. Iowa Annual Conference. Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy.

A-1002. Editorial Changes in Paragraph 978. Iowa Annual Conference. Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy.

A-1003. Editorial Changes in Paragraph 979. Iowa Annual Conference. Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy.

A-1004. Legislative Proposals from Board of Church and Society. Board of Church and Society.

A-1005. Legislative Proposals from Board of Church and Society. Board of Church and Society.

A-1006. Legislative Proposals from Board of Church and Society. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secy.

Petitions A-1007 through A-1013 have been entitled "Censure Board of Church and Society." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-1007. Administrative Board, Henning UMC, Dorothy Perkins, Recording Secy., Sulphur, LA.

A-1008. Administrative Board, UMC, John Pursell, Minister, Canton, OH.

A-1009. Virginia B. Kopf, North Canton UMC, North Canton, OH.

A-1010. Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Kroh, Crystal Park UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1011. Clayton Smith, Crystal Park UMC, Louisville, OH.

A-1012. Georga R. Frakes, Crystal Park UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1013. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Crystal Park UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1014. Restructure the Board of Church and Society. Board of Church and Society. A. Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, DC.

A-1015. Policy on Positions Taken by Board of Church and Society. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Thomas M. Francis, Chairman, Lima, OH.

Petitions A-1016 through A-1018 have been entitled "Policy on Reporting Vote on Statements of Social Concern." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-1016. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jerry Price, Recording Secy., Minden, LA.

A-1017. Administrative Board, Maurice J. Birdwell, Recording Secy., Haynesville, LA.

A-1018. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Maurice Webb, Chairman, Rochester, MN.

A-1019. Consider Opposing Viewpoints in Controversial Issues. New Mexico Annual Conference, Good News Renewal Group, Charles Burlingame, Taos UMC, Taos, NM.

A-1020. Ratification by Local Churches of Statements on Controversial Issues. Wendell S. Norwood plus seven others, Grace UMC, Elkhart, IN.

A-1021. Record of Vote on Controversial Issues. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Robert Price, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

A-1022. Restraint in Making Controversial Statements. New Mexico Annual Conference, Robert W. Brooks, Conf. Secy., El Paso, TX.

A-1023. Encourage Individual Members to Act on Social Issues. Mrs. William S. Cox, Stephenson Memorial UMC, Taylors, SC.

A-1024. Study All Aspects of Controversial Questions. Administrative Board, Constance Wagenblass, Chairperson.

A-1025. Endorsement of Political and Social Issues. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jerry Price, Recording Secy., Minden, LA.

A-1026. Equal Time for Differing Views in Changing Social Principles. Administrative Board, St. John First UMC, Troy Eriksen, Chairman, St. John, WA.

A-1027. Perspective on Statements Made on Social Issues. Wesleyan Fellowship. Belva Jumper plus 10 others, Chairperson, Pasco, WA.

A-1028. Ratification of Statements on Social Issues. Benjamin A. Logerquist, Sydenstricker UMC, Springfield, VA.

A-1029. Refrain from Debate on Divisive Issues. Administrative Board, Bruce C. DeLess, Chairman, Crossett, AR.

A-1030. Restrain General Agencies from Involvement in Controversial Social Issues. Administrative Board, Norcross UMC, Dave Potts, Chairman, Norcross, GA.

A-1031. Solicit Opinions on Social Issues. Council on Ministries, Betty J. Weiser, Chairman, Canal Winchester, OH.

A-1032. Approval of Action Program by Annual Conferences. Administrative Board, Salem UMC, Herman W. Denton, Chairman, Marion, OH.

A-1033. Directory of Organizations Promoting Christian Objectives. Administrative Board, First UMC, Walter Akeson, Chairman, Longmont, CO.

A-1034. Directory of Organizations Promoting Christian Objectives. Administrative Board, Wheat Ridge UMC, Wheat Ridge, CO.

A-1035. Eliminate Restrictive or Exclusive References. Mary A. McIntyre, Greasy Fork UMC, Bledsoe, KY.

A-1036. Financial Support for the Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy. Board of Global Ministries, Paul Washburn, President, New York, NY.

A-1037. Information on Agencies Working for Common Goals. Guy Fox, First UMC, Longmont, CO.

A-1038. Irresponsible Use of Funds. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton L. Hundley, Trinity UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1039. Monitor Activities of General Agencies. Administrative Board of Aldersgate UMC, John W. Hood, Chairman, Atlanta, GA.

A-1040. Record of Political Activity by General Agencies. Administrative Board, Dorothy Perkins, Recording Secy., Sulphur, LA.

A-1041. Referendum on Church Members on Specific Issues Upon Request. Administrative Board, Park UMC, Joseph J. Uher, Chairperson, Coshocton, OH.

Petitions A-1042 through A-1044 inclusive are titled "Referendum to Local Churches."

A-1042. Mrs. Althea M. Logerquist, Sydenstricker UMC, Springfield, VA.

A-1043. Margaret Bastain, Chapel Hill UMC, Indianapolis West District.

A-1044. James E. Bastain, II, Chapel Hill UMC, Indianapolis West District.

A-1045. Bicentennial Message to the United States of America. Franklin C. Stark, First UMC, Oakland, CA.

A-1046. New National Anthem. John H. Emerson, California-Nevada Conference.

A-1047. Position of Honor for Christian Flag. New York Annual Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Conference Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

A-1048. Quadrennial Issue on Spiritual and Physical Hunger. North Carolina Conference, James H. Coile, Secy., Trenton, NC.

A-1049. Quandrennial Emphasis on World Disorder and Christian Response. District Council on Ministries, Northeast District, Wisconsin Conference, David Steffenson, Green Bay, WI.

A-1050. Quadrennial Program Emphasis, John H. Emerson, California-Nevada Conference.

A-1051. Quadrennial Theme for the United Methodist Church. Charles R. Britt, Alabama-West Florida Conference.

A-1052. Works of Art in Pentagon. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy.

A-1053. Interpretation of Jesus' Teachings. Ruth Collins, UMC, Larned, KS.

A-1054. The Natural World. Division of Christian Social Concern, Oregon-Idaho Conference Board, Vernon A. Groves, Secy., Lake Oswego, OR.

A-1055. Condemn Excessive Profits from Natural Resources. Donald R. Walton, Diamond Hill UMC, Cos Cob, CN.

A-1056. Approve Continued Nuclear Research. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Bryce Plesner, Chairman, Idaho Falls, ID.

A-1057. Nuclear Energy. Board of Church and Society, Northern Illinois Annual Conference, Greg Dell, Chairperson.

A-1058. Nuclear Power·Issue a Quadrennial Emphasis. Council on Ministries, West Pullman UMC, Mr. and Mrs. James Galbreath, Chicago, IL.

A-1059. Oppose Resolution on Energy. Donald Van Wagener, plus 56 others, Beechwood UMC, Alliance, OH.

A-1060. Quadrennial Emphasis on Nuclear Power. Louis K. Davis plus 1 other, Valley Forge UMC, Phoenixville, PA.

A-1061. Reject Proposals to Limit Energy Development. Council on Ministries, Donald W. Gassard, Chairman, Richland, WA.

A-1062. Responsible Use of Energy, Water and Food. Environmental Stewardship Committee, Iowa Conference, Melva Dustman, Secy., Burlington, IA.

A-1063. Support Research in New Sources of Energy. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-1064. Support Research in Field of Nuclear Energy. James Jenkins, Oregon-Idaho Conference.

A-1065. Take no Position on Energy. Cy V. Miller, Wolcott UMC, Wolcott, IN.

A-1066. The Law of the Sea. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-1067. The Law of the Sea. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

A-1068. Universal Standards for Offshore Boundaries. Thomas R. Springman, Central Pennsylvania Conference.

A-1069. Unnecessary Cruelty to Animals. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

A-1070. Support Preservation of Land. Environmental Stewardship Committee, Melva Dustman, Secy., Burlington, IA.

A-1071. Urge Adoption of Recycling Program. Iowa Annual Conf., Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy.

A-1072. Objects and Life from Outer Space. East Ohio Annual Conference, Arthur R. Kirk, Pastor, Clyde, OH.

A-1073. Change the Term "Acts of God." Arthur R. Kirk, East Ohio Annual Conference.

A-1074. Statement on Human Sexuality in Social Principles. Margaret Swift, Tenafly UMC, Tenafly, NJ.

A-1075. Revised Statement of Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, DC.

A-1076. Revision of Social Principles. Topics Class, St. John's UMC, T. P. Spruiell, Pres., Texas City, TX.

A-1077. Addition to Preface to Social Principles. Keith I. Pohl, West Michigan Annual Conference.

A-1078. Preamble to Social Principles. North Indiana Conf., Richard Kistler, Secy.

A-1079. Return to 1920 Statement of Social Principles. Loren C. Margrave, Herrin Methodist Church, Herrin, IL.

A-1080. Delete Portion of Par. IV, Declaration of Social Principles. Ralph L. Boyer, Gay Street UMC, Mt. Vernon, OH.

A-1081. Oppose Ungodly Resolutions. Virginia B. Keats plus 39 others, Zion UMC, Bargaintown, NJ.

A-1082. Lead in Recovery of Values and Ethics. Administrative Board, First UMC, Kenneth Crawford, Chairman, San Augustine, TX.

A-1083. Oppose Acceptance of Low Moral Standards. Administrative Board, St. Mark UMC, W. A. Norman, Board Chairman, Douglas, GA.

A-1084. Statement on Moral Nurture. Central Illinois Conference, Larry L. Lawler.

A-1085. Recovery of Moral and Ethical Values. Nacogdoches District Conference, Texas Conference, Thomas M. Price, District Superintendent.

A-1086. Retain Present Statement on Par. 72. Cy V. Miller, Wolcott UMC, Wolcott, IN.

A-1087. Retain Present Statement on Social Principles in Par. 72. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ingersoll plus 9 others, Bethel Valley UMC, Akron, OH.

A-1088. Retain Present Statement on Social Principles in Par. 72C. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jones, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-1089. Retain Present Statement on Social Principles in Par. 72C. Clarence F. Hedge, Tabernacle UMC, Fredericksburg, VA.

Petitions A-1090 through A-1410 have been entitled "Retain Present Statement on Social Principles Par. 72." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-1090. Administrative Board, Parish Court UMC, Charles Gilbert, Chairperson, Covington, VA.

A-1091. Lorene Althoff, Christopher UMC, Christopher, IL.

A-1092. Anne B. Keys, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-1093. Mrs. Dick Reiners, Milbank UMC, Milbank, SD.

A-1094. Mrs. Grace E. Fetlaw, Damascus UMC, Sebring, OH.

A-1095. Mr. & Mrs. Dale L. Morris, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-1096. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Bethel UMC, Duane Lynch, plus 10 others, Dagsboro, DE.

A-1097. Administrative Board, Moore's Chapel UMC, Evelyn Logan, Secy., Lewisville, PA.

A-1098. Dorothy Reams, New Hope UMC, Martin, TN.

A-1099. United Methodist Women, Pataskala UMC, Mrs. Ann Mead, Pres., Pataskala, OH.

A-1100. A Murray, UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-1101. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Krautz, Fox Hill UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-1102. Elizabeth Brady, Cookstown UMC, New Egypt, NJ.

A-1103. Administrative Board, Boyce UMC, Mary Ellen Hazelet, Secretary, East Liverpool, OH.

A-1104. Administrative Board, New Market UMC, Donald Dahl, Chairman, New Market, IN.

A-1105. John & Lynn Adhrens, Marion UMC, Marion, IN.

A-1106. Agnes L. Smith, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IN.

A-1107. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Esther L. Porter, Chairperson, Colorado Springs, CO.

A-1108. Rev. Jack Wolfe, Southern Illinois Conference.

A-1109. Melanie Sue Gibson, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-1110. Nellie Lysine, DeWitt UMC, DeWitt, AR.

A-1111. Ruth Miller, Kokomo UMC, Kokomo, IN.

A-1112. Administrative Board, UMC, Dogsboro, DE, Randy Wooten, Chairman.

A-1113. Debra Kay Melotti, Trinity UMC, Allen Park, MI.

A-1114. Administrative Board, Utica UMC, Louise Farmer, Council on Ministries Chairman, Utica, OH.

A-1115. Administrative Board, New Martinsburg UMC, Eldon Marshall, Chairman, Good Hope, OH.

A-1116. Administrative Board, Leaton UMC, Duane Prout, Chairman, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

A-1117. Administrative Board, Essex UMC, Harold C. Davis, Chairman, Richwood, OH.

A-1118. Oscar S. Booker plus 19 others, UMC.

A-1119. Council on Ministries, Tabernacle UMC, Catherine H. Stanley, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-1120. Linda E. Colon, Christ UMC, Newport News, VA.

A-1121. Administrative Board, Lake City UMC, Tim Murphy, Chairman, Lake City, MI.

A-1122. Alma F. Graham, Rockland UMC, Belfre, OH.

A-1123. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.

A-1124. Administrative Board, Asbury UMC, Charles Shaw, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

A-1125. Mrs. Marion Conkle, Damascus UMC, Damascus, OH.

A-1126. Administrative Board, Otterbein UMC, James Liskey, Chairman, Harrisonburg, VA.

A-1127. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Jack Newson, Chairperson, Sulphur Springs, TX.

A-1128. Administrative Board, Lisbon UMC, Clarence W. Ball, Recording Secy., Lisbon, OH.

A-1129. William Ellis, Cookstown UMC, Cookstown, NJ.

A-1130. Mrs. Lucille F. Snavely, Covenant UMC, Parma, OH.

A-1131. Wednesday Night Prayer Group, Wesley UMC, Borger, TX.

A-1132. Mrs. T.J. Moore, UMC, Water Valley, KY.

A-1133. Administrative Board, Peace UMC, Robert Kemp, Chairman, Louisville, OH.

A-1134. Administrative Board, Mountain View First UMC, Elmer Weiss, Chairman, Mountain View, OK.

A-1135. Wayne T. Segars, Oklahoma Annual Conference.

A-1136. Mrs. Vincent Francis, UMC, Gretna, PA.

A-1137. Defiance District UMW, Mrs. Marjorie Byroads plus 10 others, Pres., Bryan, OH.

A-1138. United Methodist Women, Marlow UMC, Elizabeth Whitaker, Pres., Marlow, OK.

A-1139. United Methodist Women, Taos UMC, Judy Romero, Pres., Taos, NM.

A-1140. Carolyn Gibson, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1141. Kenneth W. Swartz plus 23 others, Forest Hill UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.

A-1142. United Methodist Women, Ketchum UMC, Mrs. Rovena Chambers, Pres., Ketchum, OK.

A-1143. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Norman D. Wonch, Chairman, Erie, PA.

A-1144. Administrative Board, Donna First UMC, Norwin Parr, Chairperson, Donna, TX.

A-1145. Mrs. Edward Johnson, Jr., Peace UMC, Richland Center, WI.

A-1146. Thorne & Marie Edmondson, Christ UMC, Newport News, VA.

A-1147. Administrative Board, Bridgeton First UMC, Bruce W. Ricards, Chairman, Bridgeton, NJ.

A-1148. Rev. Miley E. Palmer, Central Illinois Conference.

A-1149. Melvin R. Woodworth, Pacific Northwest Conference.

A-1150. Mrs. Linda Curry, Mabelvale UMC, Little Rock, AR.

A-1151. Administrative Board, Ilion First UMC, William B. Higdon, Chairman, Ilion, NY.

A-1152. Norman E. Douglas, Northern New York Conference.

A-1153. F. E. Murdock, MD, DuBois First UMC, Dubois, PA.

A-1154. Mary Burnhan, plus 26 others, Atlantic UMC, Quincy, MA.

A-1155. The Around Thirty Adult Class, Platte Woods UMC, Marjorie L. Bauman, plus 53 others, Kansas City, MO.

A-1156. Administrative Board, Canal Fulton UMC, Canal Fulton, OH.

A-1157. Administrative Board, Southmont UMC, Jay Dasch, Chairman, Southmont, TX.

A-1158. Administrative Board, Springhill UMC, Iris Baucum, Recording Secretary, Springhill, LA.

A-1159. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, Smith Valley UMC, Kenneth B. Young, Chairman, Greenwood, IN.

A-1160. Harmony Church School Class, Marlow First UMC, Leroy Loveless, Pres., Marlow, OK.

A-1161. David Dorsett, Milbank UMC, Milbank, SD.

A-1162. Wanda Sue Yates, Water Valley UMC, Water Valley, KY.

A-1163. Administrative Board, Sydenstricker UMC, Lewis Peverill, Chairman, Springfield, VA.

A-1164. John H. Staggs, New Albany UMC, Wilmore, KY.

A-1165. Rev. Jack L. South, Virginia Conference.

A-1166. Administrative Board, Shanksville UMC, Shanksville, PA.

A-1167. Belva Lester, Broken Arrow UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-1168. Lucy S. Todd, Hampton UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-1169. Mrs. Vernon Hitz, Montezuma UMC, Montezuma, KS.

A-1170. Lucy S. Todd, Hampton UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-1171. Administrative Board, Good Hope UMC, Donald E. Bowdle, Chairman, Good Hope, OH.

A-1172. Lillian Nogues, Portland UMC, Portland, TX.

A-1173. Joseph C. Garrett, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-1174. The Plus Ultra Sunday School Class, Beamer UMC, Conrad Y. Siktborg, Pres., Kokomo, IN.

A-1175. Raymond Kobler, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1176. Naomi Bryan, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1177. Triva Miller, Damascus UMC, Salem, OH.

A-1178. Administrative Board, Ebenezer UMC, Mrs. Roland Becker, Recording Secy., Streeter, ND.

A-1179. Ruth E. Fenton, Caseyville UMC, Caseyville, IL.

A-1180. Mrs. Alice Claxton, Bunker Hill UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.

A-1181. Administrative Board, Cozaddale UMC, Rev. David Stephens, Pastor, Goshen, OH.

A-1182. Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Erickson, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-1183. Mrs. Lily Wilson, Beech Fork UMC, Helton, KY.

A-1184. Doris M. Ford, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

A-1185. Dorothy Bobish, UMC, Alliance, OH.

A-1186. Edward W. Kratzsch, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1187. Mr. Thomas E. Dushutz plus 1 other, Pensinger Chapel UMC, Covington, VA.

A-1188. Mrs. Ramona L.Watson, East Vienna UMC, Parkersburg, WV.

A-1189. Michael J. Brzoza, Mapleton UMC, East Canton, OH.

A-1190. Administrative Board, Avant UMC, Jesper F. Gosney, Chairman, Avant, OK.

A-1191. Ethel B. Nulton, Wisconsin Conference.

A-1192. Patrick H. O'Berry, Wood's UMC, Ettrick, VA.

A-1193. Administrative Board, Cottage Grove UMC, Raymond V. Shuster, Chairman, Dorena, OR.

A-1194. Mrs. Hazel Shiffer plus 2 others, Trinity UMC, Eau Claire, WI.

A-1195. Mrs. David E. Hanes, Mt. Vernon UMC, Mt. Vernon, IL.

A-1196. Administrative Board, Ochlocknee UMC, James J. Groover, Chairman, Ochlocknee, GA.
A-1197. Harold Hoyt, plus 14 others, Quitman UMC, Quitman, MO.
A-1198. Dorris E. DeHaas, New Egypt UMC, New Egypt, NJ.
A-1199. Jan Zeigler, St. Marks UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-1200. Administrative Board, Melbourne UMC, Doris Lee Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.
A-1201. Jeanne Houghton, Weidman UMC, MI.
A-1202. Miss Olive M. Ritter, Concordia First UMC, Concordia, KS.
A-1203. Alexandria District Conference, UMC, Dr. Clyde Clark, District Superintendent, Pineville, LA.
A-1204. Administrative Board, Demaree UMC, Dwight M. Stoneipher, Chairman, Centralia, IL.
A-1205. Albert Myers, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
A-1206. Administrative Board, Emmanuel UMC, Ron Coates, Chairman, Lorain, OH.
A-1207. Albert Myers, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
A-1208. Mrs. A. Roth, Sidney UMC, Sidney, NY.
A-1209. The Plus Ultra Sunday School Class, Beamer UMC, Conrad Y. Siftberg, Pres., Kokomo, IN.
A-1210. Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Score, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-1211. Administrative Board, Zoar UMC, Evertt Dodne plus 8 others, Chairman, Morrow, OH.
A-1212. Administrative Board, Lampasas UMC, Tom Farquhar, Chairman, Lampasas, TX.
A-1213. Mrs. William J. Siefert, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.
A-1214. Mrs. J. E. Galloway, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-1215. Rev. Loman J. Fish, plus 5 others, Mt. Carmel UMC, Bellevue, OH.
A-1216. Barbara A. Heft, plus 15 others, Mt. Carmel UMC, Bellevue, OH.
A-1217. Mrs. Mable Grove, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-1218. Administrative Board, Weidman UMC, Thomas M. Herman, Chairman, Weidman, MI.
A-1219. Robert L. Watson, East Vienna UMC, Parkersburg, WV.
A-1220. Administrative Board, Beechwood UMC, Karen Pugh, Secy., Alliance, OH.
A-1221. Mr. Diego Valdes, plus 2 others, UMC, Wauwatosa, WI.
A-1222. Administrative Board, Spring Prairie UMC, Janet A. Trader, Chairman, Elkhorn, WI.
A-1223. Mary Cole, Leaton UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
A-1224. Administrative Board, Weidman UMC, Thomas M. Herman, Chairman, Weidman, MI.
A-1225. Council on Ministries, Washington Avenue UMC, William E. Groff, Chairman, Columbus, OH.
A-1226. Mr. Neilon Ely, Elmwood West UMC, Abilene, TX.
A-1227. Administrative Board, Russellville UMC, Dorothy Inskeep, Chairman, Russellville, OH.
A-1228. Administrative Board, Russellville UMC, Dorothy Inskeep, Chairman, Russellville, OH.
A-1229. Ludinda Sprague, UMC, Weidman, MI.
A-1230. Mr. Curt Hays, Glenwood UMC, Glenwood, AR.
A-1231. Mrs. Marylee Blaseman, plus 1 other, Damascus UMC, Salem, OH.
A-1232. Mr. & Mrs. Roy Heine, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.
A-1233. Mrs. Gladys S. Smith, First UMC, Newport News, VA.
A-1234. Mrs. Ivah Davis Goforth, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-1235. Administrative Board, Skiatook First UMC, Richard Hundt, Chairman, Skiatook, OK.

A-1236. Administrative Board, Alum Bank UMC, Patsy Bowser, Recording Secy., Alum Bank, PA.

A-1237. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Davie E. Swenson, Chairman, Flint, MI.

A-1238. Mrs. Vicky Garrett, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-1239. Beulah Lively, St. Paul UMC, Brighton, IL.

A-1240. Administrative Board, Kinsey UMC, Troy M. Shearon, Chairperson, Sothan, AL.

A-1241. Dorothy Coulson, Christopher UMC, Christopher, IL.

A-1242. Administrative Board, Zion UMC, Carl Frahm, Chairman, Hanover, KS.

A-1243. Edna C. Hedge, Tabernacle UMC, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-1244. Mr. Claude D. Finley, Jr. plus 3 others, Grace UMC, Union, SC.

A-1245. Elaine Clelia Schmidt, Trinity UMC, Allen Park, MI.

A-1246. Lou Ann Staggs, New Albany First UMC, Wilmore, KY.

A-1247. Dansy T. & Marie F. Williams, Mulberry St. UMC, Macon, GA.

A-1248. Administrative Board, Paupack UMC, Richard Hunter, Chairman, Paupack, PA.

A-1249. Marilyn Y. Dorsett, Milbank UMC, Milbank, SD.

A-1250. Bernice N. Fishpaw, Trinity UMC, Deland, FL.

A-1251. Albert F. Whelchel, North Georgia Conference.

A-1252. James R. Roberts, Wesley UMC, Borger, TX.

A-1253. Leon Woody, plus 28 others, UMC, Ft. Lupton, CO.

A-1254. Mrs. Hazel Spencer, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.

A-1255. Holston Evangelical Fellowship, UMC, Mrs. Gale Bruce, Secy., Knoxville, TN.

A-1256. A. Murray, UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-1257. W. L. Lowery, Tonerbaro UMC, Anna, IL.

A-1258. Administrative Board, Harlandale UMC, Elvin E. Reeves, Minister, San Antonio, TX.

A-1259. Mrs. Wayne Kintz, Peace UMC, Richland Center, WI.

A-1260. Social Concerns Commission, Faith UMC, Thomas E. Smith, plus 3 others, Chairman, North Canton, OH.

A-1261. Administrative Board, Fort Lupton UMC, Andrew Sharpe, Chairman, Fort Lupton, CO.

A-1262. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Krantz, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-1263. Bess Nantz, plus 1 other, Helton UMC, Helton, KY.

A-1264. Administrative Board, Pilgrim UMC, Howard Williams, Chairperson, St. Johns, MI.

A-1265. Reverend Robert O. Edwards, Elder, Central Illinois Annual Conference.

A-1266. Administrative Board, St. John's UMC, Mae Dawson, Secy., Lewisville, PA.

A-1267. Administrative Board, St. Mark's UMC, Frank W. Brearley, Chairman, Raleigh, NC.

A-1268. Administrative Board, Union Memorial UMC, Gus Taylor, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

A-1269. Dorothy Grace Melotti, Trinity UMC, Allen Park, MI.

A-1270. Joseph Melotti, Trinity UMC, Allen Park, MI.

A-1271. United Methodist Men, Washington County UMC, Wendell W. Grimm, Pres., Marietta, OH.

A-1272. Administrative Board, Unicoi UMC, Larna Grindstaff, Secy., Unicoi, TN.

A-1273. Linda E. Colon, Christ UMC, Newport News, VA.

A-1274. Lucille Gibson, plus 2 others, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-1275. Council on Ministries, West Portland UMC, Dr. Richard Parker, Chairman, Portland, OR.

A-1276. Administrative Board, Tabernacle UMC. Marvin F. Twiford, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-1277. Mrs. Fred Lemmon, Marion Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1278. Mrs. Mary Martha Rush, Beamer UMC, Kokomo, IN.

A-1279. Administrative Board, Barnes UMC, Barnes, KS.

A-1280. Council on Ministries, Church Hill First UMC, Church Hill, TN.

A-1281. Administrative Board, Leaton UMC, Duane Prout, Chairman, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

A-1282. Damon Hilton, Jr., plus 54 others, UMC, Waldoboro, ME.

A-1283. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Christman, Liberty Chapel UMC, Bucyrus, OH.

A-1284. Mrs. Frank Diehl, UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1285. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Travelstead, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1286. John W. Helgemo, Calvary UMC, West Allis, WI.

A-1287. Barbara Hunt, Broken Arrow UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-1288. Mrs. Kathryn Miller, Damascus UMC, Damascus, OH.

A-1289. Administrative Board, Uvalde First UMC, John Shaehr, Chairman, Uvalde, TX.

A-1290. Administrative Board, Uvalde First UMC, John Shaehr, Chairman, Uvalde, TX.

A-1291. Administrative Board, Asbury UMC, Charles Shaw, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

A-1292. Carl Loveless, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1293. Mrs. Velma Waggoner, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Brighton, IL.

A-1294. Administrative Board, Los Angeles Heights UMC, Charles C. Collie, Chairperson, San Antonio, TX.

A-1295. Gladys M. Bayne, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1296. Mrs. William T. Howlett, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-1297. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buttermon, Jr., Damascus UMC, Damascus, OH.

A-1298. Administrative Board, Lawson UMC, Steven F. Danner, Secretary, Lawson, MO.

A-1299. Administrative Board, Old River Terrace UMC, Robert K. Smith, Channelview, TX.

A-1300. Rachel Randles, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1301. Clarence S. Cimburke, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-1302. Administrative Board, Wayside UMC, Howard J. Cummons, Chairman, plus 18 others, Vienna, WV.

A-1303. Mrs. Thomas L. Polen, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1304. Lois J. Clark, Christ UMC, Columbus, OH.

A-1305. Administrative Board, Roscoe UMC, Jean Burchfield, Chairman, Coshocton, OH.

A-1306. Mrs. Leonard Potter, Pittsburg UMC, Pittsburg, KS.

A-1307. Rev. Daniel R. Remaley, East Ohio Conference.

A-1308. United Methodist Women, Victory Memorial UMC, Betty McMurry, plus 2 others, Chairman, Guymon, OK.

A-1309. Administrative Board, Victory Memorial UMC, Gerald T. VanNort, Chairman, plus 2 others, Guymon, OK.

A-1310. Administrative Board, St. Paul's UMC, Mary Murphy, Secy., East St. Louis, IL.

A-1311. Melvin Andrew, plus 36 others, Bridgeton UMC, Bridgeton, IN.

A-1312. Robert N. Mattice, Smithville UMC, Smithville, OH.

A-1313. Lael Sunday School Class, Marion UMC, Ivan Swan, plus 21 others, Marion, IL.

A-1314. Adult Bible Class, Burlington Junction UMC, Ernest E. Stalling, plus 20 others, Burlington Junction, MO.

A-1315. Michael E. Richerson, University UMC, Wichita, KS.

A-1316. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morrison, Chandlersville UMC, Chandlersville, OH.

A-1317. Joseph A. Platzer, plus 1 other, Mt. Zion UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1318. Martha P. Rogers, plus 57 others, Rockwood UMC, Rockwood, TN.

A-1319. Administrative Board, Mozella UMC, Mozella, KY.

A-1320. Darius V. Bennett, East Vienna UMC, Vienna, WV.

A-1321. Marie Wilson, Pine Bluff UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.

A-1322. William L. Zeigler, St. Marks UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-1323. Leona B. Teter, Main St. UMC, Alton, IL.

A-1324. Timothy M. Burden, plus 45 others, Bluffton UMC, Ada, OH.

A-1325. Christie Liefheit, Oswego Prairie UMC, Oswego, IL.

A-1326. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Green, New Washington UMC, New Washington, OH.

A-1327. United Methodist Women, St. Matthews UMC, Nancy Ridyard, Pres., Wayne, PA.

A-1328. Vivian H. McDaniel, Eunice UMC, Eunice, NM.

A-1329. United Methodist Youth Fellowship and "High Schoolers" Sunday School Class, Paradise Hills UMC, Lynn M. Jacobson, plus 11 others, Albuquerque, NM.

A-1330. Mrs. Gladys S. Smith, Newport First UMC, Newport News, VA.

A-1331. Doris C. Stahl, Mt. Zion UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1332. Administrative Board, Colburn, IN.

A-1333. Ida Buzza, plus 14 others, Faith UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1334. Robert H. Geiger, Chanute UMC, Chanute, KS.

A-1335. Raymond V. and Katherine Shuster, Cottage Grove UMC, Dorena, OR.

A-1336. Mrs. Herman E. Martin, Mulberry UMC, Macon, GA.

A-1337. Earl Sample, plus 156 others, Bristol UMC, Bristol, IN.

A-1338. Mrs. Dedria R. Witson, Paradise Hills UMC, Albuquerque, NM.

A-1339. Viola Weber, Oshkosh UMC, Oshkosh, WI.

A-1340. Michael J. Bizoza, plus 19 others, Mapleton UMC, East Canton, OH.

A-1341. Administrative Board, Parkersburg UMC, George W. Shindlederker, plus 1 other, Chairman, Parkersburg, WV.

A-1342. Bill Razor, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1343. Nancy Gregary, Kingman UMC, Kingman, KS.

A-1344. C. E. Foltz, plus 4 others, Mapleton UMC, East Canton, OH.

A-1345. Mary Gerlach, plus 38 others, Elkton UMC, Palestine, OH.

A-1346. Mrs. Mack Phillips, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-1347. Mrs. Florence Poor, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

A-1348. Richard T. Long, Woods UMC, Chesterfield, VA.

A-1349. Russell Flory, plus 4 others, Damascus UMC, Sebring, OH.

A-1350. William R. Cooper, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1351. Administrative Board, Cooper Memorial UMC, Robert L. Coffey, Chairman, Louisville, KY.

A-1352. Nancy L. Barclay, Damascus UMC, Damascus, OH.

A-1353. Administrative Board, Eagle UMC, Glen Stevenson, Vice-Chairman, Eagle, ID.

A-1354. Commodore Wade, plus 15 others, Mt. Carmel UMC, Clyde, OH.

A-1355. Roger P. Henize, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1356. Administrative Board, Burden UMC, Lyle Miller, plus 1 other, Minister, Burden, KS.

A-1357. Miss Enice Sommerfeldt, Caseyville UMC, Caseyville, IL.

A-1358. Administrative Board, Weidman UMC, Thomas M. Herman, Chairman, Weidman, MI.

A-1359. Mrs. Sandy Hays, Glenwood UMC, Glenwood, AR.

A-1360. Administrative Board, Princeton UMC, Owen R. Griffith, Jr., Chairman, Princeton, WV.

A-1361. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben C. Nies, Ashley UMC, Ashley, ND.

A-1362. Mrs. J.E. Dixon, Shorewood Hills UMC, Hot Springs, AR.

A-1363. Everett L. Barta, plus one other, Steele UMC, Steele, ND.

A-1364. Administrative Board, Collingswood UMC, Edward R. Gurteheff, Secy., Collingswood, NJ.

A-1365. Beverly Henderson, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1366. George H. Casperson, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1367. Marvin and Velma Fox, Mt. Vernon UMC, Wichita, KS.

A-1368. Barbara R. Price, Paradise Hills UMC, Albuquerque, NM.

A-1369. Bruce Rohrer, Damascus UMC, Alliance, OH.

A-1370. Mrs. Choice F. Foster, Weidman UMC, Weidman, MI.

A-1371. Jeanne Haupton, Weidman UMC, Weidman, MI.

A-1372. C. Grove, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1373. Howard N. Summerfield, Collingswood UMC, Oaklyn, NJ.

A-1374. Howard C. Ater, plus one other, Frankfort UMC, Frankfort, OH.

A-1375. William C. Henson, Tabernacle UMC, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-1376. Administrative Board, Old Center UMC, Newville, AL.

A-1377. Mrs. Acie A. McGhee, Tabernacle UMC, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-1378. Paul Killman, plus one other, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, OH.

A-1379. H. See, Wauwatosa UMC, Wauwatosa, WI.

A-1380. Administrative Board, Emmanuel UMC, Reuben Schlecht, plus 1 other, Chairman, Medina, ND.

A-1381. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Hayden Smallenberger, Chairman, Conneaut Lake, PA.

A-1382. Mrs. Madge W. McCarr, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-1383. Charge Conference, Trinity UMC, Mansfield, OH.

A-1384. Kenneth A. Sharp, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1385. Administrative Board, UMC, Albert M. Joyner, Chairperson, New Orleans, LA.

A-1386. Mrs. Truman Windhorst, Oak Grove UMC, Metropolis, IL.

A-1387. Administrative Board, Union Forge UMC, Olive J. Hawkines, plus two others, Secy., Harrisonburg, VA.

A-1388. Administrative Board, Fredonia UMC, Larry Riley, Chairman, Greenville, PA.

A-1389. Administrative Board, Beamer UMC, Chester B. Alexander, plus 69 others, Chairman, Kokomo, IN.

A-1390. Marden B. Boyd, plus five others, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

A-1391. Mrs. T.H. Humphreys, Macon UMC, Macon, GA.

A-1392. Administrative Board, St. George's UMC, Jay Bunting, Chairperson, Clarksville, DE.

A-1393. Frances L. Casperson, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1394. Lynnette C. Dasch, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

A-1395. Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Herrmarr, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

A-1396. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Mrs. Hazel Barnhart, plus two others, Chairperson, Moundsville, WV.

A-1397. United Methodist Women, Trinity UMC, Mansfield, OH.

A-1398. Mrs. Eulauray M. Haswell, plus 126 others, First UMC, El Dorado, AR.

A-1399. Mrs. Geraldine V. Kratzach, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1400. C. Larry Grove, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1401. Administrative Board, Hyde Park-Bethlehem UMC, Ruth Bremer, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1402. C.E. Foltz, plus four others, Mapleton UMC, East Canton, OH.

A-1403. Administrative Board, Christopher UMC, John Russell, Christopher, IL.

A-1404. Dorothy Keeney, plus ten others, Dellroy UMC, Dellroy, OH.

A-1405. Administrative Board, Wesley Chapel UMC, Vernon Teater, Chairman, Nicholasville, KY.

A-1406. Bill Leeds, plus 43 others, Mauricetown UMC, Mauricetown, NJ.

A-1407. Robert G. Kekel, Damascus UMC, Salem, OH.

A-1408. Darmon K. Hilton, Waldoboro UMC, Waldoboro, ME.

A-1409. Administrative Board, New Hope UMC, Rev. Martin L. Hess, plus 20 others, Pastor, Marion, IN.

A-1410. Rev. Albert F. Whelchel, Red Bird Missionary Conference.

A-1411. Amend Par. 72A. Family, out of subject content. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Avalon UMC, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Task Force, Albany, GA.

Petitions A-1412 through A-1494 have been entitled "Retain Present Statement on Social Principles Par. 72." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-1412. Alma B. Halter, Flucom UMC, De Soto, MO.

A-1413. H.M. Sheffer, Damascus UMC, Damascus, OH.

A-1414. Administrative Board, Nameoki UMC, Carl Thornsberry, Chairman, Granite City, IL.

A-1415. John A. Mason, Barboursville UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-1416. Curt and Kathy Castleberg, Madison First UMC, Madison, WI.

A-1417. L.E. Sackmann, North Dakota Conference.

A-1418. Wilma Stamm, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-1419. Mrs. Dorothy M. Davis, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-1420. Council on Ministry, Ebenezer UMC, Rev. Bob Nevels, Chairman, Ebenezer, MS.

A-1421. Administrative Board, Mt. Carmel UMC, Donald W. Folk, Chairman, Bellevue, OH.

A-1422. Mrs. R. L. Wilson, Beech Fork UMC, Helton, KY.

A-1423. Mrs. Vicki Grove, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1424. United Methodist Women, Nameoki UMC, Dorothy M. Ashford, Pres., Granite City, IL.

A-1425. Ardeth E. Arnold, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

A-1426. Mr. and Mrs. Newton W. Wilder, Mulberry St. UMC, Macon, GA.

A-1427. Lucinda Sprague, Weidman UMC, Weidman, MI.

A-1428. Commission on Evangelism, Emmanuel UMC, Ruth Spiegelberg, Chairperson, Lorain, OH.

A-1429. J. Theodore Robb, Collingswood First UMC, Westmont, NJ.

A-1430. Gladys Miller Church School Class, Woodville UMC, Gladys Miller, Teacher, Woodville, MS.

A-1431. Administrative Board, Christ's UMC, Samuel W. Young, Chairman, Crawfordsville, IN.

A-1432. Dwight E. Kleist, Collingswood First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1433. Albert Myers, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

A-1434. Mr. and Mrs. Lea Bennett, Damascus UMC, Salem, OH.

A-1435. Mrs. Ardyth Stull, Mulberry St. UMC, Lexington, KY.

A-1436. E. A. Leaming, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1437. Frank Richcreek, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

A-1438. Thirty-two identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1439. Thirty-five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1440. Ninety-three identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1441. Eighteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1442. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1443. Nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1444. Eleven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1445. Eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1446. Twenty-five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1447. Ten identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

A-1448. Thirty-eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the Office of the Petitions Secy.

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A-1457. Sarah Harsh, Aldersgate UMC, Dayton, OH.

A-1458. Rev. J.F. Watson, Southern Illinois Conference.

A-1459. Coleman Bible Class, Waynesboro UMC, Irvin N. Reeves, Pres., Waynesboro, GA.

A-1460. Jane Scull Michelfelder, Parkside UMC, Marlton, NJ.

A-1461. Administrative Board, Luray UMC, Jerry Bigham plus 22 others, Luray, KS.

A-1462. Robert E. Goff, Sr., Pineville First UMC, Pineville, LA.

A-1463. Ferne C. Coxbill, Atkinson UMC, Atkinson, NB.

A-1464. Fred Meier, Annandale UMC, Annandale, VA.

A-1465. Rev. Carl W. Herring, plus eight others, Faith UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1466. J. L. and M. K. Penfold, Knoxville UMC, Knoxville, IL.

A-1467. Gordon Inscore, plus 75 others, Pine Grove UMC, Greeneville, TN.

A-1468. Red Bird Missionary Conference, UMC, Craig L. Lyman, Secretary, Beverly, KY.

A-1469. Charles F. Adams, Trinity UMC, Charles City, IA.

A-1470. Administrative Board, Bethany UMC, Bernard J. Shropshire, Pastor, Somers Point, NJ.

A-1471. Administrative Board, St. John First UMC, Tracy L. Eriksen, Chairman, St. John, WA.

A-1472. Administrative Board, Big Springs UMC, Michael Kimberly, Chairman, Big Springs, NB.

A-1473. Esabel Holman, Kermit First UMC, Kermit, TX.

A-1474. Administrative Board, Cheyenne UMC, Roy Chathom, plus seven others, Luray, KS.

A-1475. Administrative Board, Mt. Gilead UMC, Robert M. Gregory, plus seven others, Chairman, Cyntheana, KY.

A-1476. Administrative Board, Mt. Hope UMC, Ralph E. Jones, Chairman, Cyntheana, KY.

A-1477. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

A-1478. United Methodist Women, Salem UMC, Phyllis C. Kube, plus 17 others, Unionsville, VA.

A-1479. Robert M. Gordon, Kansas West Conference.

A-1480. Blaine L. Mayer, Covenant UMC, Parma, OH.

A-1481. Executive Board, Wilmington District UMC, Suzanne Hapner, plus 13 others, Chairman CSI, Hillsboro, OH.

A-1482. Carol Boehms, plus 18 others, Forest Heights UMC, Jackson, TN.

A-1483. Administrative Board, Friendship UMC, Eugene Essenbrey, Chairman, Monroeville, NJ.

A-1484. Shirley C. Merritt, Potsdam UMC, Potsdam, NY.

A-1485. Administrative Board, Hartwell UMC, Charles Bernard Matson, Ph.D., plus 36 others, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1486. The Living Bible Class, St. Paul's UMC, John G. Walters, plus 25 others, Colorado Springs, CO.

A-1487. Bethel Prayer Fellowship, Bethel UMC, Pueblo, CO.

A-1488. Administrative Board, Otterbein UMC, James Liskey, Chairman, Harrisonburg, VA.

A-1489. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.

A-1490. Administrative Board, Park UMC, Joseph J. Uher, Chairperson, Coshocton, OH.

A-1491. Wayne T. Segars, Oklahoma Annual Conference.

A-1492. Ruth Circle, Broadway UMC, Helen M. Youngen, plus 11 others, Secretary, New Philadelphia, OH.

A-1493. Lura May and Harold L. Cassedy, East Boothbay UMC, East Boothbay, ME.

A-1494. Mrs. Shirley P. Cimburke, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-1495. Amend Par. 72B, responsible parenthood out specific content. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, Edward F. Altes, Jr., Secy.

Petitions A-1496 through A-1840 have been entitled "Retain Present Statement on Social Principles Par. 72." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-1496. Administrative Board, Rev. Paul D. Miller, Pastor, Wakefield, KS.

A-1497. Administrative Board, St. Paul's UMC, Harry Lewis, Chairperson, Ocean Grove, NJ.

A-1498. Mr. and Mrs. W. Bentley Burr, St. Andrew's UMC, Findlay, OH.

A-1499. T. J. Thomas, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1500. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lemery, UMC of Wyoming, Wyoming, MI.

A-1501. Administrative Board. Zion UMC, Theodore E. Mott, Lay Leader and Chairman, Linwood, NJ.

A-1502. Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe G. Norris, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-1503. Fred Payne & Ethel M. Payne, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1504. Mrs. Harold Thompson, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-1505. Administrative Board, Louisea Marcella Helsu, Member, Columbus, OH.
A-1506. Mrs. Marilyn E. Daniel, First UMC, Pineville, LA.
A-1507. Administrative Board, Richard H. Wise, Chairman, Broken Arrow, OK.
A-1508. Mrs. Norman Meager, Dueber UMC, Massillon, OH.
A-1509. Administrative Board, Newport UMC, Sharon Knipe, Secretary, Newport, NJ.
A-1510. Pastor Parish Committee, Oswego Prairie UMC, Virginia Wetter, Chairman, Aurora.
A-1511. Administrative Board, UMC, Alfred Reher, Chairman, Pine Bluffs, WY.
A-1512. John Morgan, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.
A-1513. Betty Shrout, plus 40 others, Tunnelton UMC, Tunnelton, WV.
A-1514. Mrs. Pearl R. Fry, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-1515. Men's Fellowship Class, First UMC, G. Brownins Smith, plus 23 others, Pres., Harlington, TX.
A-1516. Administrative Board, Emary S. Shirley, Chairman, Warrenton, GA.
A-1517. Joseph D. Herring, plus 37, Barkers UMC, Lumberton, NC.
A-1518. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.
A-1519. Administrative Board, Zion UMC, Thomas E. Brown, Pastor, Elton, PA.
A-1520. Administrative Board, First UMC, Ruth Hanson, plus 19 others, Bellaire, OH.
A-1521. Mrs. Doyle Easton, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.
A-1522. Administrative Board, Zion UMC, Thomas E. Brown, Pastor, Elton, PA.
A-1523. W. Robert Bell, Pennville UMC, Pennville, IN.
A-1524. Council on Ministries, Tabernacle UMC, Catherine H. Stanley, Vice-Chairperson, Fredericksburg, VA.
A-1525. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mathewson, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.
A-1526. William M. Henson, Tabernacle UMC, Fredericksburg, VA.
A-1527. Council on Ministries, Church of the Savior UMC, Stanley C. Ewing, Chairperson.
A-1528. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Brevoort, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-1529. Mrs. O. H. Curry, Sr., St. Andrew UMC, Little Rock, AR.
A-1530. John W. Dyson, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-1531. Administrative Board, Carthage UMC, Earl W. Painter, Chairperson, California, KY.
A-1532. Mrs. Clyde Garner, UMC, Eunice, NM.
A-1533. Geraldine W. Larrick, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.
A-1534. Thirty-six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the petitions secretary.
A-1535. Ann H. Creed, First UMC, Bluff, AR.
A-1536. Council on Ministries, Wilkinson Memorial UMC, Charles Gindhart, Chairman, Croydon, PA.
A-1537. Administrative Board, Marion Fricke, Chairperson, Lawrence, OH.
A-1538. Wednesday Night Prayer Group, Wesley UMC, Borger, TX.
A-1539. Duane Lynch, Bethel UMC, Dagsboro, DE.
A-1540. Mrs. John Sanford, Saugatuck UMC, Saugatuck, MI.
A-1541. Council on Ministries, Robert E. Keith, Church Hill, TN.
A-1542. Miss Belle Curry, Glenwood UMC, Glenwood, AR.
A-1543. Mrs. Ruth L. McKinney, Rockland UMC, Little Hocking, OH.

A-1544. Administrative Board, University Park UMC, Nancy N. Kimbell, Chairperson, Dallas. TX.

A-1545. Mr. and Mrs. C. Ralph Connell, First UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.

A-1546. Golden Rule Class, Mr. C. C. Lindley, plus 34 others, Teacher, Wichita, KS.

A-1547. Madge Conner, New Hope UMC, South Fulton, TN.

A-1548. The Bess Reagan Adult Women's Class, Jessie L. Howell, plus seven others, Gatlinburg, TN.

A-1549. Mrs. Thomas D. Knoedler, plus one, Damascus UMC, Salem, OH.

A-1550. Frederick L. and Ryleen Payne, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1551. Administrative Board, Neodesha UMC, Dr. Charles Koger, Chairman, Neodesha, KS.

A-1552. Clara Rose McMillin, plus one, Caseyville UMC, Caseyville, IL.

A-1553. Administrative Board, Mrs. Wm. L. King, Belleville, IL.

A-1554. David Joseph Melotti, Trinity UMC, Allen Park, MI.

A-1555. West Virginia Annual Conference, Dewayne R. Lowther, Sec.

A-1556. Martha Bentley Hart, St. Pauls UMC, Brighton, IL.

A-1557. Robert Beck, plus one, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1558. Homemakers Class, Mrs. Arthur L. Robb, Pres., Pittsburg, KS.

A-1559. Homer T. Courtney, plus one, UMC, Quinter, KS.

A-1560. Administrative Board, James T. Lang, Chairman, Bridgeport, WV.

A-1561. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Charles Ziemer, Chairman, Manitowoc, WI.

A-1562. Miss Ruby J. Hayes, First UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.

A-1563. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, John Stewart, Chairman, Racine, WI.

A-1564. Administrative Board, First UMC, Edmund C. Stover, Chairman, Red Wing, MN.

A-1565. Christian Fellowship Class, Mrs. Jernett Hinson, plus 22 others, Member, Pensacola, FL.

A-1566. Administrative Board, Gethsemane UMC, Jackson O'Day, Chairman, Seaford, DE.

A-1567. Council on Ministries, Minters Chapel UMC, John T. Rogers, Chairman, Grapevine, TX.

A-1568. Mrs. Jane B. Rowland, Twin City UMC, Twin City, GA.

A-1569. Administrative Board, First UMC, Mrs. J. E. Manning, Chairman, Bishop, TX.

A-1570. Willie O. Phillips, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-1571. Administrative Board, Richard Harvey, Chairman, Reynoldsburg, OH.

A-1572. Mr. and Mrs. Ray K. Masser, LaBelle View UMC, Steubenville, OH.

A-1573. Evangelism, Sterling UMC, Mrs. Janis Myers, Chairman, Sterling, NY.

A-1574. Mrs. Ruth Adkins, plus four others, Belfast UMC, Cedar Bluff, VA.

A-1575. Donna Warehime, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

A-1576. Administrative Board, St. Mark UMC, John P. Riggs, Chairman, McAllen, TX.

A-1577. Council on Ministries, Harry Holman, Chairman, Noblesville, IN.

A-1578. Mrs. Frances M. Williamson, St. Paul UMC, Brighton, IL.

A-1579. Harriet G. Strunck, Christopher UMC, Christopher, IL.

A-1580. Edna Banfield, Christopher UMC, Christopher, IL.

A-1581. Mrs. Olivia Pollister, UMC, Centralia, IL.

A-1582. Betty Joyce, plus 23 others, Englewood UMC, Englewood, CO.

A-1583. Dick Randall, plus 14 others, Burrton UMC, Burrton, KS.

A-1584. Social Concerns, Carol Seidle, Chairman, Fredonia, PA.

A-1585. Administrative Board, West Lafayette UMC, Charles Arnold, West Lafayette, OH.
A-1586. Administrative Board, Wayne Hall, Chairman, Shreveport, LA.
A-1587. Administrative Board, St. George's UMC, Paul Elliott, Chairperson, Delmar, DE.
A-1588. Rita L. King, First UMC, Herrin, IL.
A-1589. UMW, Edythe Foster, plus two others, Pres., Ringwood, OK.
A-1590. Harold Matthews and Carlene Matthews, Main St. UMC, Alton, IL.
A-1591. Administrative Board, UMC, James R. Give, Chairman, Big Stone City, SD.
A-1592. Mrs. Eva L. Stahl, Mt. Zion UMC, Canton, OH.
A-1593. UMW, Ruth McMurray, President, Belpre, OH.
A-1594. Robert Noggle, Oswego Prairie UMC, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.
A-1595. Administrative Board, Norman Jackson, Chairman, Adair, OK.
A-1596. Ronald M. G. August, Grace UMC, Watertown, SD.
A-1597. Mrs. Lorene Thomas, First UMC, Eunice, N.M.
A-1598. Harold Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-1599. Ralph and Paula Koehler, Emmanuel UMC, Horicon, WI.
A-1600. Anna Friedrich and Russell Friedrich, UMC, New Egypt, NJ.
A-1601. Mrs. Clyde Oberwiller, UMC, Galena, IL.
A-1602. Administrative Board, Edward F. McGuire, Chairperson, South Shore, KY.
A-1603. Kent N. Jones, plus 38 others, Mt. Olive UMC, Sardis, OH.
A-1604. Mrs. Lucy Beals, UMC, Shumway, IL.
A-1605. Mrs. H. F. Wall, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-1606. Pastor-Parish Committee, Oswego Prairie UMC, Virginia Wetter, Chairman, Aurora, IL.
A-1607. Benita Sankey, St. Marks UMC, Nora Springs, IA.
A-1608. John A. Montgomery, plus nine others, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-1609. Mary Ellen Henson, Tabernacle UMC, Fredericksburg, Va.
A-1610. Administrative Board, Zion UMC, Clifford E. Nielson, plus 11 others, Chairman, Tappen, ND.
A-1611. Phyllis C. Shults, First UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.
A-1612. Raymond L. Ashley, Alpheus W. Wilson Memorial UMC, Baltimore, MD.
A-1613. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Stevens, Jonesboro UMC, Sanford, NC.
A-1614. James H. Fry, Sr., Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-1615. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Phil Winchell, Chairman, Marion, IN.
A-1616. Mrs. Janet Scott, Community UMC, Newburgport, MA.
A-1617. Edgar L. Butler, plus two others, First UMC, Bartlesville, OK.
A-1618. F. Dale Patterson, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-1619. Esther S. Johnson, UMC, Anthony, KS.
A-1620. Mrs. Ralph Moxey, UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.
A-1621. Mrs. Elsie M. Wisegarner, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-1622. Harold A. Grier and Leah M., Grace UMC, Marion, IN.
A-1623. Harold O. Thompson, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-1624. Board of Church and Society, UMC, Rev. Mildred Bryant, Secy.
A-1625. Administrative Board, Hillcrest UMC, W. E. Nave, Chairman, Knoxville, TN.
A-1626. Administrative Board, Zack Arnold, Chairperson, South Lebanon, OH.
A-1627. Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Davis, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-1628. James W. Bruner, plus 31 others, Central UMC, Evansville, IN.

A-1629. Gladys Hyland, Emmanuel UMC, Horicon, WI.

A-1630. Administrative Board, Mahoning UMC, H. R. Dickson, Chairman, Youngstown, OH.

A-1631. Earl A. Smith, Jr., Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-1632. Council on Ministries, James E. Barnes, plus ten others, Chairman, Monticello, KY.

A-1633. UMW, Tyler St. UMC, Mrs. Sallie T. Pate, plus 86 others, Pres., Dallas, TX.

A-1634. Administrative Board, First UMC, Leo R. Lake, Chairman, Abilene, KS.

A-1635. James R. Roberts, Wesley UMC, Borger, TX.

A-1636. Miss Irene Kunker, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1637. Administrative Board, First UMC, Alva Taylor, Chairperson, Sesser, IL.

A-1638. Administrative Board, Corinth UMC, Frank Lemarr, Chairman, Knoxville, TN.

A-1639. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Wallace E. MacDonald, Chairman, Phillipsburg, NJ.

A-1640. Administrative Board, Gadsden UMC, Joseph L. Elmore, Chairman, East Gadsden, AL.

A-1641. Rudy and Wilma Dedic, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.

A-1642. David Hudnall, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.

A-1643. Mrs. Albert E. Walker, Community UMC, Byfield, MA.

A-1644. Mrs. Estella Snyder, Potter UMC, Potter NB.

A-1645. Mrs. Oliver E. Werner, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1646. Administrative Board, First UMC, Leo R. Lake, Chairman, Abilene, KS.

A-1647. Mrs. Betty Holmberg, UMC, Sanger, CA.

A-1648. Jack L. South, Virginia Annual Conference.

A-1649. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stalling, UMC, Burlington Junction, MO.

A-1650. Pearl Casto, West Ohio Conference.

A-1651. Daniel S. Bradley, plus 47 others, Sandy Springs and Bailey Memorial, SC.

A-1652. Administrative Board, First UMC, Clarence F. Edmondson, Chairman, Ketchum, OK.

A-1653. Council on Ministries, St. Paul's UMC, Mary Jane Schwartz, Chairperson, Ocean Grove, NJ.

A-1654. Mrs. Hazel Spencer, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.

A-1655. Kenneth W. Swartz, plus 23 others, Forest Hill UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.

A-1656. Administrative Board, Browning UMC, Preston S. Adkinson, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-1657. Administrative Board, Beach Lake UMC, Mrs. Ethel Frey, Chairman, Beach Lake, PA.

A-1658. Thorne and Marie Edmondson, Christ UMC, Newport News, VA.

A-1659. Administrative Board, Lima UMC, Darrell A. Baum, plus 17 others, Chairman, Howe, IN.

A-1660. Mrs. Fern Noggle, Oswego UMC, Oswego, [state not given].

A-1661. Melvin and Helen Meester, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.

A-1662. Council on Ministries, Justus UMC, Edward L. Warstler, Chairperson, Navarre, OH.

A-1663. Rev. Troy J. Barrett, plus 26 others, Epworth UMC, Epworth, NC.

A-1664. Mrs. S. Roff, Sidney UMC, Masonville, NY.

A-1665. Jane M. Ashe, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-1666. Bernice Bowen, Rockford UMC, Rockford, IA.
A-1667. Alan Barry Cramer, Bethel UMC, West Mansfield, OH.
A-1668. Arthur F. Fleser, Wilmore UMC, Wilmore, KY.
A-1669. Administrative Board, Casstown UMC, J. William Houser, Chairman, Casstown, OH.
A-1670. Mrs. Don Eyer, Clough UMC, Batavia, OH.
A-1671. Sylvia J. Skinner, St. Paul UMC, Brighton, IL.
A-1672. Mrs. Jesse T. Robinson, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.
A-1673. Daniel H. Tucker, plus 42 others, McKendree UMC, Kevil, KY.
A-1674. Rev. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Annual Conference.
A-1675. W. E. Griffis, Jr., plus 9 others, Forest Heights UMC, Jackson, TN.
A-1676. Mrs. Ruth H. Allred, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-1677. Administrative Board, Good Hope UMC, Jacqueline E. Carsen, Chairman, Good Hope, OH.
A-1678. Mrs. Kenneth L. Ward, Kokomo UMC, Kokomo, IN.
A-1679. Administrative Board, Howe Memorial UMC, Elizabeth Coward, Chairperson, Crescent City, FL.
A-1680. Administrative Board, Francis Asbury UMC, Paul J. Videnhouse, plus 30 others, Chairman, Virginia Beach, VA.
A-1681. Audrey G. Bell, Pennville UMC, Pennville, IN.
A-1682. Administrative Board, Tabernacle UMC, Marvin F. Twiford, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.
A-1683. Mrs. Laverne Oweneby, New Hope UMC, Martin, TN.
A-1684. Administrative Board, St. Matthews UMC, Don Hilliker, Chairman, Louisville, KY.
A-1685. Administrative Board, Gruver UMC, Mrs. Charles W. Haight, Secy., Gruver, TX.
A-1686. Administrative Board, Hope UMC, Jack Quarles, Chairperson, Sacramento, CA.
A-1687. Evangelism Commission, First Bethel UMC, Ralph W. McDermot, Chairman, Bethel Park, PA.
A-1688. Administrative Board, First Coral Gables UMC, James H. Peck II, Secy., Miami, FL.
A-1689. Mrs. Charles Sissel, First UMC, Eunice, NM.
A-1690. Administrative Board, Clapp's Chapel UMC, J. Kenneth Greene, Chairman, Corryton, TN.
A-1691. Rev. David B. Camden, Virginia Annual Conference.
A-1692. D. O. Easton, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.
A-1693. Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, Warren Hornung, plus eight others, Pastor, El Campo, TX.
A-1694. Mrs. Hazel Spencer, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.
A-1695. Mrs. Lonnie Stedman, DeWitt UMC, DeWitt, AR.
A-1696. Administrative Board, First UMC, Norwin Parr, Chairperson, Donna, TX.
A-1697. Coletta Corthell, Ridge UMC, plus ten others, Bellevue, OH.
A-1698. Administrative Board, Browning UMC, Preston S. Adkison, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.
A-1699. Mr. and Mrs. Timothy W. Myers, Winfield UMC, Dover, OH.
A-1700. Mrs. Opal M. McBride, Gypsum UMC, Gypsum, KS.
A-1701. Elinor Reuschling, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.
A-1702. Win One Sunday School Class, New Haven UMC Minister, New Haven, WV.
A-1703. Jane M. Ashe, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.
A-1704. Shirley L. Milner, Southern Illinois Conference.
A-1705. Mrs. Maud G. Parrish, Eunice UMC, Eunice, NM.

A-1706. Anna C. Hunter, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1707. Administrative Board, First UMC, Mrs. C. Edward Plank, Sec., Irwin, PA.

A-1708. Glenn and Lucille B. Coleman, Aldersgate UMC, Lexington, KY.

A-1709. Mrs. Sue Gobley, Damascus UMC, Beloit, OH.

A-1710. Mrs. J. D. Clarke, First UMC, Central, IL.

A-1711. Mary M. Rhea, Pleasant Hill UMC, Jackson, OH.

A-1712. Dorothy Bobish, Damascus UMC, Alliance, OH.

A-1713. Horace F. Ether, First UMC, Media, PA.

A-1714. Eleanor W. Pinkerton, Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.

A-1715. Mrs. Marlen Hudnall, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.

A-1716. Sunday School Class 3 and 4, Trinity UMC, Mrs. Ruth P. Walter, Teacher, York, PA.

A-1717. LaGaytha Gothatrd, plus 9 others, Crane UMC, Crane, TX.

A-1718. Richard Dee Wise, Christ UMC, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-1719. Elsie K. Pildner, Chardon UMC, Chardon, OH.

A-1720. William R. Shoenhair, plus 24 others, Bancroft UMC, Bancroft, IA.

A-1721. Youth Fellowship and High Schoolers, Paradise Hills UMC, plus ten members, Rio Rancho, NM.

A-1722. Council on Ministries, The Emmanuel UMC, Lois Roberts, Chairperson, Lorain, OH.

A-1723. Curtis M. Akher, Ogden Memorial UMC, Princeton, KY.

A-1724. Elizabeth and Ed M. Jenkins, Damascus UMC, Salem, OH.

A-1725. UMW, Macon UMC, Mrs. Fleming R. Childs, plus 13 others, Pres., Macon, GA.

A-1726. Arthur W. Collins, First UMC, Linton, IN.

A-1727. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Luzader, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-1728. Sarah Molmar, Morgantown UMC, Morgantown, WV.

A-1729. Administrative Board, Sudley UMC, John A. Ferguson, Chairman, Catharpin, VA.

A-1730. Don Metcalf, Colorado Springs UMC, Colorado Springs, CO.

A-1731. Mrs. Lyle DeGrew, First UMC, Rockford, IA.

A-1732. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Don Zook, Pastor, Wichita, KS.

A-1733. Lawrence D. and Patsy A. Kennedy, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1734. Administrative Board, Mt. Fern UMC, Virginia Dench, Chairman, Randolph, NJ.

A-1735. Ralph Landon, Damascus UMC, Salem, OH.

A-1736. Stephen Amerson, plus 171 others, Cueber UMC, Upland, IN.

A-1737. Administrative Board, Simpson UMC, Francis E. Wilkie, Chairman, Canton, OH.

A-1738. John D. Houghton, Jr., Mt. Pleasant UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

A-1739. Administrative Board, Taft Memorial UMC, Margaret B. Lindz, plus 16 others, Members, Uxbridge, MA.

A-1740. Louis M. Miller, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1741. Administrative Board, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Mrs. Jane Breedlove, Secy., Williamstown, WV.

A-1742. Administrative Board, Howe Memorial UMC, Roger S. Stuart, Chairman, Crescent City, FL.

A-1743. John T. Pattillo, First UMC, Winter Park, FL.

A-1744. Vivian Rushing, Bears St. UMC, Pensacola, FL.

A-1745. Administrative Board, Prairie Chapel UMC, Gerald Parker, Chairman, Bethany, MO.

A-1746. Katherine H. Chalk, First UMC, Morehead City, NC.

A-1747. Youth Director, First UMC, Rev. Richard W. Esher, Youth Director, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1748. UMW, Scranton District, Clara E. Seymour, Secy., Scranton, PA.
A-1749. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jondle, West Allis UMC, West Allis, WI.
A-1750. Administrative Board, Kingman UMC, Robert A. Baruth, Chairman, Kingman, KS.
A-1751. Mr. and Mrs. G. Wade Bromall, Damascus UMC, Beloit, OH.
A-1752. Council on Ministries, Thoburn UMC, Marie F. Mull, Chairman, St. Clairsville, OH.
A-1753. Administrative Board, Thoburn UMC, Karl K. Wilson, Chairman, St. Clairsville, OH.
A-1754. Administrative Board, Gadsden St. UMC, C. W. Creel, Chairman, Pensacola, FL.
A-1755. Administrative Board, Honey Brook UMC, Robert Fortier, Chairman, Honey Brook, PA.
A-1756. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, Fourth Ave. UMC, George D. Porter, Pastor, Huntington, WV.
A-1757. Mrs. Margaret S. Nugent, Holly Oak UMC, Claymont, DE.
A-1758. Cynthia L. Ulevich, Bethany UMC, Middleton, WI.
A-1759. Council on Ministries, Daisy UMC, Robert L. Thompson, Chairperson, Daisy, TN.
A-1760. Administrative Board, Mulvane UMC, L. Joyce Carr, Chairperson, Mulvane, KS.
A-1761. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Holman, New Hope UMC, Marion, IN.
A-1762. Mrs. R. James Leech, Jr., Grace UMC, Marion, IN.
A-1763. Sandra L. Fuchs, Chardon UMC, Chardon, OH.
A-1764. Administrative Board, First UMC, Don Rollins, Chairperson, Corbin, KY.
A-1765. Virgil A. Riedel, Ridge UMC, Bellevue, OH.
A-1766. Ruth N. Donohue, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-1767. Council on Ministries, Hope UMC, Betty J. Weiser, Chairman, Canal Winchester, OH.
A-1768. Mrs. Bob F. Cummings, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.
A-1769. Administrative Board, First UMC, Mrs. Arl Holmes, Chairperson, Chanute, KS.
A-1770. Rev. Robert C. Pugh, Kentucky Annual Conference.
A-1771. Aurelia Well, Brighton-St Paul UMC, Brighton, IL.
A-1772. F. Inex Lear, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-1773. Rev. Fred Weber, Bethany UMC, Bethany, MO.
A-1774. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, James E. Harshman, Chairman, Waverly, OH.
A-1775. Robert McWhaney, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-1776. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, Burlington Junction UMC, Charles M. Pruitt,Chairman, plus 11 others, Burlington Junction, MO.
A-1777. Lucy S. Todd, Hampton UMC, Hampton VA.
A-1778. Evangelism Commission, Clough UMC, Roger P. Henzie, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-1779. Ida D. Dewell, Petersburg UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-1780. Administrative Board, Strongsville UMC, Mrs. Joyce Moenich, Secy., Strongsville, OH.
A-1781. Subgroup IV, Columbus UMC, Elizabeth Kline, Chairman, plus five, Fort Scott, KS.
A-1782. Mrs. David M. Brown, Wellsburg UMC, Wellsburg, WV.
A-1783. UMM, Colquitt UMC, Herman Worsley, Pres., Colquitt, GA.
A-1784. Administrative Board, First UMC, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

A-1785. Administrative Board, Andrew Chapel UMC, Turner N. Williams, Chairman, Ellaville, GA.

A-1786. Edward De Graw, First UMC, Rockford, IA.

A-1787. Administrative Board, Emmanuel UMC, Kirk Molebash, Chairman, Noblesville, IN.

A-1788. Mrs. Verna Gehung, Grace UMC, Cedar, Yankton, SD.

A-1789. Administrative Board, First UMC, Richard K. Heacock, Jr., Chairman, Goliad, TX.

A-1790. Noble J. Miller, Colorado Springs UMC, Colorado Springs, CO.

A-1791. Rev. Charles Menough, East Ohio Conference.

A-1792. Jeanne Lester, Broken Arrow UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-1793. Administrative Board, Park UMC, Edward A. Herrington, Chairman, Lexington, KY.

A-1794. Jack O. McGinnis, Casa Linda UMC, Dallas, TX.

A-1795. Georgia Castanien, Mt. Zion UMC, plus one, Canton, OH.

A-1796. Mr. and Mrs. William Fogg, Damascus UMC, Damascus, OH.

A-1797. Mrs. Beulah Minyard, Glenwood UMC, Glenwood, AR.

A-1798. Reachers Young Adult Class, First UMC, Harold R. Henderson, Teacher, Tifton, GA.

A-1799. Snider Denney, West Bend UMC, plus 23, Stanton, KY.

A-1800. Fred B. Lemmon, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-1801. Mrs. Pat Allen, East Canton UMC, East Canton, OH.

A-1802. Miriam Coulson, Christopher UMC, Christopher, IL.

A-1803. T. H. Humphreys, Macon UMC, Macon, GA.

A-1804. Rev. Philip Everett Worth, Southern New Jersey Annual Conference.

A-1805. Mrs. Gusta Norris, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-1806. James R. Watt, Asbury UMC, plus 29, Rockwood, TN.

A-1807. Council on Ministries, Nortonville UMC, Zena Bierley, Chairman, Adrian, ND.

A-1808. Betty S. Hoke, St. Pauls UMC, plus 20, Colorado Springs, CO.

A-1809. John H. Marshall, Jr., Saint Andrew UMC, Englewood, CO.

A-1810. Rev. Donald E. Bloor, Rocky Mountain Annual Conference.

A-1811. Thomas V. Donohue, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-1812. UMM, Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC, Walter B. Bail III, Lay Leader, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1813. Men and Womens Bible Class, Westminister UMC, Charles D. Schaffer, Teacher, Westminister, MD.

A-1814. Bruce Zimmerman, Hanover UMC, Juvett, OH.

A-1815. Administrative Board, Marathon UMC, Early Pride, Chairman, Marathon, OH.

A-1816. Mohawk District UMW, Mohawk UMC, Susan Harkins, Coordinator, Mohawk, NY.

A-1817. Mrs. Percy A. Schultz, First UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-1818. William E. Dutkler, First UMC, Appleton, WI.

A-1819. Administrative Board, Cross Lanes UMC, Mrs. Harold G. Burke, Chairperson, Charleston, WV.

A-1820. UMW, Christ UMC, Mrs. Dale Ostrander, Chairperson, Battle Creek, MI.

A-1821. Mr. and Mrs. Michael De Shon, New Hope UMC, Marion, IN.

A-1822. Betty Bayless, Beavertown UMC, plus 27, New Matamoras, OH.

A-1823. Mildred L. Truitt, First UMC, Centralia, IL.

A-1824. Harriet G. Strunck, Christopher UMC, plus 15, Christopher, IL.

A-1825. Council on Ministries, Mount Zion UMC, Shirley Boyd, Chairman, Irondale, OH.

A-1826. Administrative Board, Richwood UMC, Patricia Y. Zee, Chairman, Richwood, NJ.

A-1827. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Rufus Silvus, Chairperson, McConnelsville, OH.

A-1828. Harvey and Mary Jane Pearson, Marion UMC, Marion, IN.

A-1829. Administrative Board, Palmyra UMC, Cecil Ruggles, Chairman, Diamond, OH.

A-1830. Mary S. Leech, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

A-1831. Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, First UMC, Dr. C. I. Shult, Chairman, Columbus, TX.

A-1832. Administrative Board, Honey Brook UMC, Robert Fortier, Minister, Honey Brook, PA.

A-1833. One hundred eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1834. Ninety-nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1835. Thirteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1836. Five hundred thirty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1837. Twenty-two identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1838. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1839. Forty-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1840. One thousand, five hundred ninety-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1841. Amendment to Par. 72A. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-1842. Oppose Amendment—Par. 72A. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.

A-1843. Oppose Proposed Amendment to Par. 72A. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference, John Thurman Hively III, Lakeland, FL.

A-1844. Amendment to Paragraph On "The Family." Administrative Board of Sudley UMC, John Ferguson, Chairman, Catharpin, VA.

A-1845. Family Situations and Development of Persons. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Lakeland, FL.

A-1846. Four-year Emphasis on the Family. Administrative Board, St. Matthews UMC, Don Hilliker, Chairman, Louisville, KY.

A-1847. Morality and Family Life. Palisade Church Conference. Elaine Peterson, Secy., Palisade, NB.

A-1848. Quadrennial Study on Christian Family Life. Executive Board and Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Fleming Childs, Chairperson, Macon, GA.

A-1849. Study Christian Family Life. Mrs. Kathryn Wilder, UMC, Macon, GA.

A-1850. Study on Family Life. Mrs. Herman E. Martin, Mulberry Street UMC, Macon, GA.

A-1851. Support Traditional Family Life Style. UMW and Administrative Board, Hillsboro UMC, Mary Bennett plus 29 others, President, Hillsboro, OH.

A-1852. Affirm Traditional Marriage Partnership. Administrative Board, First UMC, R. F. Gunkelman, Jr., Vice-Chairperson, Fargo, ND.

A-1853. Concern for Divorced Persons Par. 72b. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-1854. Human Rights as Regards to Marriage. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

A-1855. Oppose Any Approval of Sexual Relations Outside of Marriage. Mrs. T. J. Moore, UMC, Water Valley, KY.

A-1856. Oppose Sexual Relationships Outside of Marriage. William D. Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.

A-1857. Standard of Sexual Conduct. Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference, Lloyd A. Kimbrough, Conference Secretary, Marianna, FL.

A-1858. Statement on Sex and Marriage. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Lakeland, FL.

A-1859. Amendment to Par. 72C. Martha Moutz, Wilmore UMC, Wilmore, KY.

A-1860. Amendment to Par. 72C. Ronald E. Brown, New Mexico Conf.

A-1861. Delete References to Sexual Orientation. UMC of Women, Mrs. William S. Cox, Pres., Taylors, SC.

A-1862. Deletion from Par. 72C. Board of Church and Society, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conf., Mildred Hutchinson, Chairperson, Los Angeles, CA.

A-1863. Apply Love to Matters of Human Sexuality. Committee on Missions, Raymond L. Schofield, M.D., Chairman, Gillett, WI.

A-1864. Amend Par. on Human Sexuality. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

A-1865. Oppose Proposed Amendment to Par. 72C. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-1866. Authorize a Study Commission on Human Sexuality. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secretary, Washington, DC.

A-1867. Approve Human Sexuality Study. California-Nevada Annual Conference, Newell P. Knudson, Secy., Eureka, CA.

A-1868. Ecumenical Study on the Church and Human Sexuality. Albert Hepler plus three others, First UMC, Endicott, NY.

A-1869. Established a Commission on Human Sexuality. Commission on Status and Role of Women, California-Nevada Conference, Barbara B. Troxell, Chairperson.

A-1870. Favoring a Quadrennial Study on Human Sexuality. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

A-1871. Funds Given UMCOR Rather Than Human Sexuality Study. Administrative Board, Mrs. Jerald Landreth, Chairman, Eaton, OH.

A-1872. Human Sexuality. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-1873. Proposed Study of Human Sexuality. Frederick L. Payne plus one other, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1874. Recommends Study Commission on Human Sexuality. Administrative Board, University UMC, Argil Toalston, Chairman, College Park, MD.

A-1875. Support a Study on the Church and Human Sexuality. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

A-1876. Delete Statement on Homosexuality. Rev. Melvin R. Woodworth, Pacific Northwest.

A-1877. Delete Statement on Homosexuality. Gay Caucus California-Nevada Annual Conference, Frank J. Howell, Chairman, Hayward, CA.

A-1878. Support Study on Human Sexuality. Paul McFarland plus 54 others, Asbury UMC, Harrisonburg, VA.

A-1879. Uphold Biblical View of Sexuality. Mrs. Maude Norwood, St. Mark's UMC, Belmont, NC.

A-1880. Opposition to Adverse Social Situations. Cal Smith plus 7 others, Webster Hills UMC, Webster Grove, MO.

A-1881. Support "Study on Human Sexuality." Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

A-1882. Amend Par. on Homosexuality. Beatrice Sparks plus 17 others, Pleasant Ridge UMC, Webster, IN.

A-1883. Amend Par. on Homosexuality. Administrative Board, Glen Burnie UMC, Allen Kellenburger, Chairman, Glen Burnie, MD.

A-1884. Oppose Homosexual Marriage. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1885. Oppose Homosexual Marriage. Reachers' Young Adult Class, Harold Henderson, Tifton, GA.

A-1886. Oppose Homosexual Marriage. Board of Church and Society, North Indiana Conference, Wayne R. Anderson, Board Secretary.

A-1887. Oppose Compulsory Hiring of Homosexuals. Administrative Board, First UMC, James N. McNutt, Chairman, Rosenberg, TX.

A-1888. Oppose Marriage Between Persons of Same Sex. Robert Randall, Avalon UMC, Lakeland, FL.

A-1889. Prohibit Homosexual Marriage. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

A-1890. Oppose Homosexual Marriage. William D. Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.

A-1891. Prohibit Marriage Between Persons of Same Sex. Western New York Conference, Frank J. Mucci, Secy.

A-1892. Oppose Homosexual Lifestyle. Rev. Flake and one other, UMC, Rockingham, NC.

A-1893. Oppose One-Sided Statement by Homosexuals. Administrative Board, Williams Memorial UMC, Leon S. Williams, Chairman, Blountstown, FL.

A-1894. Oppose Sanction of Homosexuality. UMW and Administrative Board, Hillsboro UMC, Mary Bennett and Blair Dennison plus 28 others, Presidents, Hillsboro, OH.

A-1895. Oppose One-Sided Statements by Homosexuals. Administrative Board, Blountstown UMC, Joe Mike McCaskill, Chairman, Blountstown, FL.

A-1896. Reaffirm Historic Stance on Homosexuality. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heiniking, First UMC, Shelby, OH.

A-1897. Recognize United Methodist Gay Caucus. United Methodist Gay Caucus, California-Nevada Annual Conference, Frank J. Howell, Chairman, Hayward, CA.

A-1898. Recognize Worth of Homosexual Life-style. United Methodist Gay Caucus, California-Nevada Annual Conference, Frank J. Howell, Chairman, Hayward, CA.

A-1899. Retain Present Statement on Homosexuals. UMW, UMC, Mrs. Leo S. Richeson, President, El Dorado Springs, MO.

A-1900. Support UMC Study Commission on the Church and Human Sexuality with Modifications. Binghamton District Council on Ministries, Marjorie J. Summers, Binghamton, NY.

A-1901. Support Funding and Study Commission on Human Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Life. General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation, North Texas Annual Conference, Albert C. Outler, Secretary, Dallas, TX.

Petitions A-1902 through A-3041 have been entitled "Retain Present Statement on Human Sexuality in Par. 72C." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-1902. Thirty-three identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1903. Sixteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1904. The Dixon UMC, Larry R. Wells, Pastor, Dixon, MO.

A-1905. Kathryn Scull, Marlton UMC, Marlton, NJ.

A-1906. One hundred seventy-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1907. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Miller, Brenner UMC, Kokomo, IN.

A-1908. Ralph Shront plus 24 others, Denver UMC, Tunnelton, WV.

A-1909. UMW, Carthage UMC, Mrs. Andrew Smith plus 14 others, Pres., Cincinnati, OH.

A-1910. Council on Ministries, Bethany UMC, Floyd H. Moore, Chairman, Canton, OH.

A-1911. Administrative Board, Alum Bank UMC, Patsy Bowser, Recording Secretary, Alum Bank, PA.

A-1912. Sixteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1913. George V. Peters plus 38 others, Dice UMC, Millmont, PA.

A-1914. Fourteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1915. Kathryn Scull, Marlton UMC, Marlton, NJ.

A-1916. Administrative Board, Newtown UMC, Mrs. Monica L. Nerl, Chairperson, Newtown, OH.

A-1917. Mr. and Mrs. Arland Fair, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-1918. Administrative Board, Dennis Hetirl, Chairman, Wyoming, MN.

A-1919. Jeanne Lester, UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-1920. William C. Beougher, West Ohio Annual Conference.

A-1921. Mrs. Ethel Wallace plus 22 others, First UMC, Van Wert, OH.

A-1922. Ferne Coxbill, Atkinson UMC, Atkinson, NB.

A-1923. Board of Church and Society, Fred L. Beck, Chairman, Alton, IL.

A-1924. UMW, El Dorado Springs UMC, Mrs. Leo S. Richeson, President, El Dorado Springs, MO.

A-1925. Men's Club, Curtis Memorial UMC, David C. Bryant, President, Dothan, AL.

A-1926. Paul A. Pyles, West Ohio Annual Conference.

A-1927. Administrative Board, Hopedale UMC, Hopedale, OH.

A-1928. Charge Conference of First UMC, Margaret Walker, Recording Secretary, Coxsackie, NY.

A-1929. Administrative Board, Ernest M. Scott, Chairman, North Industry, OH.

A-1930. New Mexico Annual Conference, Robert W. Brooks, Conference Secy., El Paso, TX.

A-1931. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Annual Conference.

A-1932. Administrative Board, First UMC, Harold Shawl, Chairman, Corcoran, CA.

A-1933. Administrative Board, E. James Dickey, Minister, Wilmington, OH.

A-1934. Administrative Board, First UMC, Dick Thomae, M.D., Chairman, Jonesville, LA.

A-1935. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, John B. Taylor, Chairman, Clayton, NJ.

A-1936. H. Phil Bennett II, First UMC, New Port Richey, FL.

A-1937. Richard Wright plus 56 others, Protection UMC, Protection, KS.

A-1938. Administrative Board, Bethany UMC, Bernard J. Shropshire, Pastor, Somers Point, NJ.

A-1939. UMW, Taos, New Mexico, Judy Romero, President, Taos, NM.

A-1940. Administrative Board, Immanuel UMC, Michael Lindon, Secy., Chili, WI.

A-1941. Commission on Education, Linwood UMC, Breta F. Chandler, Chairperson, Linwood, PA.

A-1942. Council on Ministries, Jimmie Byrd, Pastor, Scottsville, KY.

A-1943. East Ohio Annual Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conference Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

A-1944. Administrative Board, High Bridge UMC, Webster Hill, Chairperson, High Bridge, NJ.

A-1945. Administrative Board, Salem and First UMC, Rev. James Davidson plus 31 others, Chapin, IA.

A-1946. Administrative Board, Logan UMC, Julia Cortez, Sec., Philadelphia, PA.

A-1947. Administrative Board, Mae Edwards Memorial UMC, Milton, FL.

A-1948. Administrative Board, Rockland UMC, Mrs. Roger G. Smith, Kennerdell, PA.

A-1949. One hundred eleven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-1950. Mrs. Kenneth A. Maynard, Dukedom, TN.

A-1951. Administrative Board, First UMC, Robert I. Jackson, D.D.S., Chairman, Hillsville, VA.

A-1952. Mrs. Shirley Breeding, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-1953. Glena Sperry, Grace UMC, Atlantic, PA.

A-1954. Administrative Board, New Haven UMC, Nick Robson, Chairman, Tulsa, OK.

A-1955. Charlene Baumgardner, Brownfield UMC, Brownfield, TX.

A-1956. Paul L. DeHaas, UMC, New Egypt, NJ.

A-1957. Paula J. Robers, Cleves UMC, Cleves, OH.

A-1958. Eugene C. Keathley, Convis Union UMC, Battle Creek, MI.

A-1959. Council on Ministries, Newtown UMC, Jerry J. Nerl, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1960. Irene Kiester, plus 38 others, Basehor UMC, Basehor, KS.

A-1961. Council on Ministries, Newtown UMC, Jerry J. Nerl, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1962. Susan Hammond, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-1963. Administrative Board, Sudley UMC, John A. Ferguson, Chairman, Catharpin, VA.

A-1964. Kathleen Loudenslager, First UMC, Colon, MI.

A-1965. Mrs. Phyllis Harter, UMC, Browns Mills, NJ.

A-1966. Beverly Salem plus seven others, Wessington Springs UMC, SD.

A-1967. Stanley Scripter plus 14 others, Bethany UMC, Abilene, KS.

A-1968. Rondel E. Wilkinson, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-1969. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Proudfit, Convis Union UMC, Battle Creek, MI.

A-1970. Dale R. Leifhert, Oswego Prairie UM, Oswego, IL.

A-1971. Bernice A. Baad, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-1972. Administrative Board, Mt. Zion UMC, Joe H. Bodine, Chairman, Wilmore, KY.

A-1973. Dorsey L. Jackson plus 32 others, Denver UMC, Tunnelton, WV.

A-1974. UMM, Robert Sorensen plus 14 others, Wessington Springs, SD.

A-1975. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Schneider, UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1976. Dan Swaisgood, Trinity UMC, Ashland, OH.

A-1977. Administrative Board, Robert K. Smith, M.D., Old River Terrace UMC, Channelview, TX.

A-1978. Administrative Board, Dunn Loring UMC, Frederick Cox, Chairman, Dunn Loring, VA.

A-1979. Administrative Board of Dobbins Memorial UMC, Robert Jenkins, Jr., Chairman, Delanco, NJ.

A-1980. Administrative Board, Covenant UMC, Rev. Daniel J. Lansell, Parma, OH.

A-1981. Travis B. McNair, Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

A-1982. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jess Lam, Jr., Chairman, Pauls Valley, OK.

A-1983. Administrative Board, Robert K. Smith, M.D., Chairman, Channelview, TX.

A-1984. Administrative Board, Eastport UMC, Wm. Paul Moreland, Chairman, Annapolis, MD.

A-1985. Administrative Board of the University UMC, Argil Toalston, Chairman, College Park, MD.

A-1986. Dail Applegate plus 21 others, Cheyenne United UMC, Luray, KS.

A-1987. Clifton A. Raeke, Monthalia UMC, Cost, TX.

A-1988. Administrative Board, St. Clair Shores First UMC, Harold E. Willard, Chairman, St. Clair Shores, MI.

A-1989. Robert S. Minsker, Clarion UMC, Alton, IL.

A-1990. UMM, Olton First UMC, H. R. Curtis, President, Olton, TX.

A-1991. Mrs. Dorothy Alley, Wesley Park UMC, Wyoming, MI.

A-1992. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cook, Madison UMC, Widener, AR.

A-1993. Administrative Board, State Avenue UMC, Herman Gilland, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

A-1994. Robert T. Prater, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

A-1995. UMW of the Good Hope UMC, Mrs. Ruth Reisinger, President, Washington, OH.

A-1996. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Coleman, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.

A-1997. Administrative Board, San Jacinto UMC, Robert Bryant, Sr., Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

A-1998. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.

A-1999. Administrative Board, First UMC, William A. Strutz, Chairperson, Bismarck, ND.

A-2000. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Harold H. Zirkel, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-2001. Administrative Board, Waco Avenue UMC, Lois Woolworth, Chairperson. Wichita, KS.

A-2002. Wyoming Annual Conference, Edwin C. Schumacher, Secy., Binghamton, NY.

A-2003. Administrative Board, The UMC, Virginia Ringgenberg, Secretary, Pond Creek, OK.

A-2004. Kenneth A. Maynard, UMC, Dukedom, TN.

A-2005. The Administrative Board, Glendale UMC, Bill Cooper, Pastor, Simpson, IL.

A-2006. UMW, Mulberry Street UMC, Mrs. Barbara S. Wells, President, Mount Vernon, OH.

A-2007. New Mexico Annual Conference Good News Evangelical Renewal Group, Charles Burlingame plus 5 others, Taos, NM.

A-2008. William and Muriel Cost, Trinity UMC, Trenton, NJ.

A-2009. Charlotte Willsher, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-2010. Ann A. Hardy, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.

A-2011. Rena Pidelty, First UMC, Nora Springs IA.

A-2012. R. Fletcher Hardy III, Virginia Annual Conference.
A-2013. Ronald E. Brown, New Mexico Annual Conference.
A-2014. Wesleyan Fellowship, Pasco First UMC, Belva Jumper plus 10 others, President, Pasco, WA.
A-2015. Mrs. Theo Siepmann, Monthalia UMC, Cost, TX.
A-2016. Emma Jean Papenfuss, Epworth UMC, Berkeley, CA.
A-2017. Jennie Pryke plus 14 others, Galesville UMC, Mansfield, IL.
A-2018. Homebuilders Class, Bartlesville First UMC, Lou Payne plus 28 others, Bartlesville, OK.
A-2019. Administrative Board, Franklin UMC, T. Jeff Bowman, Vice-Chairperson, Franklin, WV.
A-2020. Gloria Schroeder, Albright UMC, Wilmore, KY.
A-2021. Robert N. Cone plus 128 others, West Plains First UMC, West Plains, MO.
A-2022. Faith E. Brayden, Maynard UMC, Maynard, MA.
A-2023. James W. Johnston, Jr., South Carolina Annual Conference.
A-2024. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Ray Buckingham, Chairman, Marion, OH.
A-2025. Doris S. LaTourette, Sidney UMC, Sidney, NY.
A-2026. David Thompsen plus 75 others, Grace UMC, Perrysburg, OH.
A-2027. Mrs. Lyle R. Young, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-2028. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dillenback, St. Paul's UMC, Colorado Springs, CO.
A-2029. Administrative Board, Shiloh UMC, Arlis Martin, Chairperson, Rosslyn, KY.
A-2030. Administrative Board, St. Marks UMC, Mrs. Ivan Schlenker, Recording Secretary, Forbes, ND.
A-2031. Mrs. Donna Rogers, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-2032. Administrative Board, Green Valley UMC, Andrew W. Slezak, Chairman, Akron, OH.
A-2033. Mrs. Joseph C. Garrett, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-2034. UMW, Kephart UMC, Mrs. C. H. Kincaid, McKeesport, PA.
A-2035. Administrative Board, Bannock UMC, J. Carl Lehman, Chairperson, Bannock, OH.
A-2036. Council on Ministries, Jonesboro First UMC, R. B. McClung, Chairman, Jonesboro, AR.
A-2037. Administrative Board, Clough UMC, Robert McElhaney, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-2038. Administrative Board, Eastman First UMC, Richard Nettles, Chairman, Eastman, GA.
A-2039. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Marshallville, OH.
A-2040. Council on Ministries, Marlow First UMC, Julian Howard, Chairman, Marlow, OK.
A-2041. UMW, Sidney UMC, Doris S. LaTourette, President, Sidney, NY.
A-2042. Administrative Board, Central UMC, Jean Nelson, Secy., Milbank, SD.
A-2043. Administrative Board, Hayward First UMC, Sherron O. Conway, Secy., Hayward, CA.
A-2044. Esther Circle, Broadway UMC, Mrs. Andrew Shanabrook, Secy., New Philadelphia, OH.
A-2045. District Council on Ministries, Daniel D. Carmnay, Designated Communicator, Cambridge, OH.
A-2046. Esther and Walter Geil, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-2047. Pastor D. W. Bartholomay, Wyoming Annual Conference.

A-2048. Administrative Board, Farina UMC, Howard T. Hebron, Chairman, Farina, IL.

A-2049. Administrative Board, Shreve UMC, Richard G. Baker, Chairman, Shreve, OH.

A-2050. Paul M. Rollison plus 103 others, Raum Chapel, Wesley Chapel and Rock Hall, Rock Hall, MD.

A-2051. Administrative Board, Thomas UMC, Mrs. Wilma Hubble, Secy., Pontiac, MI.

A-2052. Administrative Board, Karnes City First UMC, James A. McClane plus 27 others, Chairperson, Karnes City, TX.

A-2053. William A. Valentine, III, Langhorne UMC, Langhorne, PA.

A-2054. Hazel Paget plus 66 others, Luray UMC, Luray, KS.

A-2055. Keith A. Wilken, Iowa Annual Conference.

A-2056. Board of Church and Society, Kentucky Annual Conference, Jackson Brewer, Secy., Eminence, KY.

A-2057. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wofford plus 17 others, Batchtown UMC, Batchtown, IL.

A-2058. Kenneth B. Meadows plus 85 others, St. John UMC, Hurricane, WV.

A-2059. Mrs. Emma Hamilton, Shumway UMC, Shumway, IL.

A-2060. Douglas A. Griggs plus 16 others, Kingston UMC, Kingston, OK.

A-2061. Eleanor Kinsey, Zion UMC, Elton, PA.

A-2062. Administrative Board, Winterstown UMC, Calvin Kipp plus 156 others, Red Lion, PA.

A-2063. Mary M. Borsos, New Egypt UMC, New Egypt, NJ.

A-2064. UMW, Doris Boyett, Pres., Corcoran, CA.

A-2065. Administrative Board, First UMC, Leonard Wasson, Chairman, Ft. Gibson, OK.

A-2066. Rachel Noble, Beverly UMC, Beverly, KY.

A-2067. UMW, Grace UMC, Mrs. Yvonne Bennett, Pres., Ruston, LA.

A-2068. North Indiana Annual Conference, Richard Kistler, Secretary, Marion, IN.

A-2069. Administrative Board, Mangum Memorial UMC, Staley Powell, Shreveport, LA.

A-2070. James Dowis, Staves Memorial UMC, Des Moines, IA.

A-2071. South Georgia Annual Conference, Alvis A. Waite, Jr., Conference Secy., Waycross, GA.

A-2072. Allen E. Schmitt, Collingswood UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.

A-2073. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Scott, UMC, Clanton, AL.

A-2074. Rev. C. Jack Scott, West Michigan Annual Conference.

A-2075. Cheryl Fugua, Wingo UMC, Wingo, KY.

A-2076. Administrative Board, Gerald Randall, Chairman, Dickey, ND.

A-2077. Mrs. Randall C. Wattles, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-2078. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. McCoy, UMC, Spevey, KS.

A-2079. Ethel Osman, UMC, Hackettstown, NJ.

A-2080. College and Career Sunday School Class, Neva E. Berry, Otterbein UMC, Russell, KS.

A-2081. Alvin S. Johnson plus 17 others, St. Pauls UMC, Bay City, TX.

A-2082. Administrative Board, Glen Stevenson, Vice-Chairman, Eagle, ID.

A-2083. Administrative Board, Charles M. Werden, Chairperson, Vienna, OH.

A-2084. Clifton A. Raeke, Monthalia UMC, Cost, TX.

A-2085. Administrative Board, Robert K. Smith, M.D., Chairman, Channelview, TX.

A-2086. Rev. Gale Wetzel plus 28 others, Salem UMC, Franklin, KY.

A-2087. Administrative Board, Potter UMC, Wendel Mathewson, Chairman, Potter, NB.
A-2088. Administrative Board, First UMC, Hillard H. Allen, Chairman, Cocoa Beach, FL.
A-2089. Harmony Guild, First UMC, Peggy Reddy plus 9 others, Bartlesville, OK.
A-2090. Administrative Board, Bertha D. Downer, Secretary, Glassboro, NJ.
A-2091. Mary Chaffee, Union City UMC, Union City, MI.
A-2092. Theo Siepmann, Monthalia UMC, Cost, TX.
A-2093. Kenneth E. Ford, New Mexico Conference.
A-2094. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hyde, Grace UMC, Hamilton, OH.
A-2095. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Moore, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.
A-2096. James A. Stewart, First UMC, Karnes City, TX.
A-2097. Administrative Board, Bucklin UMC, Robert McColm, Chairman, Bucklin, KS.
A-2098. Joint Council on Ministries, Laurel-Spring Grove UMC, Mrs. Margaret Spurgeon, Chairman, New Richmond, OH.
A-2099. UMW, Betsy Layne UMC, Mrs. Willis Caldwell, President, Betsy Lane, KY.
A-2100. Robert I. Wallace, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-2101. Kay E. Kroencke, Galena UMC, Galena, IL.
A-2102. Administrative Board, James Poole, Chairman, Sugar Grove UMC, Good Hope, OH.
A-2103. R. R. Bourgeois, Mt. Fern UMC, Flanders, NJ.
A-2104. Board of Church and Society, Texas Annual Conference, Velma Jeter, Chairperson.
A-2105. Linda Kaye Redman, Liberty Chapel UMC, Bucyrus, OH.
A-2106. Administrative Board, Dennis Hetirl, Chairman, Wyoming, MN.
A-2107. Belva Lester, UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.
A-2108. Council on Ministries, Margaret Harlan, Chairperson, Oklahoma City, OK.
A-2109. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Swick, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-2110. Administrative Board, McGuire UMC, Doris Greene, Recording Secretary, West Monroe, LA.
A-2111. Paul P. Jones, Fancy Gap UMC, Fancy Gap, VA.
A-2112. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Moore, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-2113. UMW, Curtis Memorial UMC, Mrs. S. C. Bryant, Pres., Dothan, AL.
A-2114. Janet Louise Gwinn, Steele Memorial UMC, Huntington, WV.
A-2115. Administrative Board, Julia Bradway, Secretary, Fairton UMC, Fairton, NJ.
A-2116. Mrs. Jack L. Latch, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-2117. Administrative Board, Russell McBroom, Chairman, Fayetteville, AR.
A-2118. Jay T. Latch, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-2119. Fannie Kilmon and Asa W. Kilmon, Christ UMC, Newport News, VA.
A-2120. Robert O. Fraley, Epworth UMC, Tulsa, OK.
A-2121. Henry C. Davis, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.
A-2122. Robert Stull, Mulberry Street UMC, Wilmore, KY.
A-2123. Norman Reich plus 24 others, St. Peters UMC, Beavertown, PA.
A-2124. Julian Huffman plus 27 others, Mountain Zion UMC, Roger, OH.
A-2125. Mrs. Marvin M. Seyfang, Frankfort UMC, Frankfort, OH.
A-2126. Frank D. Wulf plus 2 others, North Clairmont UMC, San Diego, CA.
A-2127. Wanda Sue Yates, Water Valley, KY.

A-2128. Floyd Rogers, Christ UMC, Parkersburg, WV.

A-2129. Charles F. Hill, Florence UMC, Erlanger, KY.

A-2130. Administrative Board, Wesley Chapel UMC, Malcom Reeves, Chairman, Petersburg, VA.

A-2131. Mr. William E. Heck plus 1 other, Lutz UMC, Lutz, FL.

A-2132. Naomi Ero, Covenant UMC, Nazareth, PA.

A-2133. Linda E. Colon, Christ UMC, Newport News, VA.

A-2134. Earl J. Rodman plus one other, First UMC, O'Neill, NB.

A-2135. Administrative Board, Lockport UMC, Eugene D. Bruce, Chairperson, Lockport, KY.

A-2136. Marjorie M. Brunner, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-2137. Administrative Board, Charlotte M. Lattimer, Chairman, Largo, FL.

A-2138. Administrative Board, El Bethel UMC, Elmer O. Brashear, Chairperson, Winchester, KY.

A-2139. Katie K. Austin, Smyrna UMC, Farmville, VA.

A-2140. Administrative Board, Seward UMC, James Bowden, Chairman, Seward, PA.

A-2141. Mr. Michael Meyer plus one other, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-2142. Kenneth A. Maynard, UMC, Dukedom, TN.

A-2143. UMW, First UMC, Vivian Hampton, Pres., Jay, OK.

A-2144. Elizabeth S. Renalds, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.

A-2145. Administrative Board, Mountain Zion UMC, Joe H. Bodine, Chairman, Wilmore, KY.

A-2146. Administrative Board, New Haven UMC, Nick Robson, Chairman, Tulsa, OK.

A-2147. Cheryl Fuqua, Wingo UMC, Wingo, KY.

A-2148. Administrative Board, New Haven UMC, Nick Robson, Chairman, Tulsa, OK.

A-2149. Rico Katrous, O'Neill UMC, O'Neill, ME.

A-2150. Maple Grove UMC and New Pittsburg UMC, The Wooster Parish, Wooster, OH.

A-2151. Mrs. Sue Rogers, Cleaves UMC, Cleaves, OH.

A-2152. Administrative Board, First UMC, Gene A. Davis, Chairman, Jay, OK.

A-2153. Katherine J. Schmitt, Collingswood UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.

A-2154. Mrs. Raymond Debbis, First UMC, Eunice, NM.

A-2155. Rev. Howard E. McAmes plus 26 others, Hunt's Chapel UMC, Greeneville, TN.

A-2156. Administrative Board, Williams Memorial UMC, Leon D. Williams, Chairman, Blountstown, FL.

A-2157. Mrs. A. Eberhard, Brooklawn UMC, Brooklawn, NJ.

A-2158. Henry L. King, Steel Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2159. Administrative Board, Port Elizabeth UMC, Richard Polhumus, Port Elizabeth, NJ.

A-2160. Administrative Board, Harry Trumbo, Chairman, Fulks Run, VA.

A-2161. Mrs. Alfred Durant, Jr., The UMC, Chandlersville, OH.

A-2162. UMW, June N. Safranek, Secy., Pine Bluffs, WY.

A-2163. Administrative Board, Dwight K. Runnels, Pres., Basehor, KS.

A-2164. Administrative Board, Oak Chapel UMC, John N. Brittain, Pastor, Wooster, OH.

A-2165. Mrs. Lizzie Hartley, Jefferson UMC, Columbia City, IN.

A-2166. Administrative Board, Roxford UMC, Monia McPeak, Secy., Dennison, OH.

A-2167. UMW, Mrs. John Manning plus 17 others, UMC, Wessington Springs, SD.

A-2168. Administrative Board, King's UMC, Norman F. Lowe, Pres., Laurel, DE.

A-2169. Administrative Board, UMC, Henry Woods, Chairman, Sterling, OK.

A-2170. UMW, First UMC, Betty J. Allen, Pres., Avant, OK.

A-2171. Mr. and Mrs. William L. Arick, Valley Center UMC, Valley Center, KS.

A-2172. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jess Lams, Jr., Chairman, Pauls Valley, OK.

A-2173. Administrative Board, Lincoln Avenue UMC, D. W. Keyser, Chairman, Shadyside, OH.

A-2174. Administrative Board, Ravenna UMC, Leonard G. Wells, Chairman, Seattle, WA.

A-2175. Administrative Board, St. Luke UMC, Dan E. Mitchell, Chairman, Columbia, TN.

A-2176. Friendship Class, Centenary UMC, Anne C. Greer plus 11 others, Lexington, KY.

A-2177. Adult Couples Sunday School Class, Versailles UMC, First UMC, Versailles, KY.

A-2178. Administrative Board, Linwood Heights UMC, Audrey Lee Murphy plus 25 others, Chairman, Linwood Heights, PA.

A-2179. Administrative Board, Mize Memorial UMC, R. D. Wright, Chairman, Augusta, GA.

A-2180. Administrative Board, Louf City UMC, James Harmon, Louf City, NB.

A-2181. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Harold R. Clark, Chairman, Alton, IL.

A-2182. Administrative Board, Cornwells Heights UMC, Walter A. Spang, Chairperson, Cornwells Heights, PA.

A-2183. Administrative Board, First UMC, John Murphy, Chairman, Oswego, KS.

A-2184. Administrative Board, St. Mark's UMC, Mrs. Charles Aman, Chairman, Ocala, FL.

A-2185. Administrative Board, State Avenue UMC, Herman Gilliland, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

A-2186. Council on Ministries, Marissa First UMC, Myra Behmer, Chairman, Marissa, IL.

A-2187. Mrs. C. C. Horn plus three others, First UMC, Watertown, SD.

A-2188. Administrative Board, First UMC, Belinda B. DeLoach, Secy., Waynesboro, GA.

A-2189. Administrative Board, Haynesville UMC, Maurice J. Birdwell, Recording Secretary, Haynesville, LA.

A-2190. Administrative Board, Warsaw UMC, Edwin L. Lee plus 11 others, Chairman, Warsaw, OH.

A-2191. Administrative Board, Waco Avenue UMC, Lois Woolworth, Chairperson, Wichita, KS.

A-2192. Kenneth A. Maynard, UMC, Dukedom, TN.

A-2193. Mr. and Mrs. Merle Roberts, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-2194. Madge Conner, New Hope UMC, South Fulton, TN.

A-2195. Rev. Jorge Cortizo plus 11 others, Immanuel and First Spanish UMC, Brooklyn, NY.

A-2196. Evalena Tittsworth plus 19 others, UMC, Barry, IL.

A-2197. Administrative Board, Nathans Creek UMC, R. Francis Lee Roche, Pastor, Crumpler, NC.

A-2198. Administrative Board, Harold Shawl, Chairman, Corcoran, CA.

A-2199. Mrs. Lura Nugent, Otterbein UMC, Vinita, OK.

A-2200. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Harold H. Zirkel, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-2201. UMW, Potter UMC, Mary Anderson, Pres., Potter, NB.

A-2202. Administrative Board, Steele UMC, Leroy Aichele, Chairman, Steele, ND.

A-2203. Administrative Board, Karnes City First UMC, James A. McClane plus 27 others, Chairperson, Karnes City, TX.

A-2204. Mabel Held, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-2205. UMM, Kephart UMC, A. B. Myers plus 16 others, McKeesport, PA.

A-2206. Mrs. Norman Wilson plus 10 others, Crossman UMC, Falls Church, VA.

A-2207. Friendship Sunday School Class, Olympia Heights UMC, Roland Tomaseth plus 31 others, Miami, FL.

A-2208. Earl C. Day plus 19 others, Crossman UMC, Falls Church, VA.

A-2209. Administrative Board, Gonzales First UMC, LeMont Menking, Chairman, Gonzales, TX.

A-2210. Larry Simmons plus 68 others, Alton-Couch UMC, Alton, MO.

A-2211. Dorothy Trifunovic, UMC, Middletown, OH.

A-2212. Administrative Board, First UMC, William H. Devereaux, Jr., Chairman, Pasco, WA.

A-2213. Mrs. Grace L. Layne, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.

A-2214. Mrs. Dwight Collier, St. Mark UMC, McAllen, TX.

A-2215. Harold W. Pidelty, First UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-2216. Administrative Board, Marvell UMC, Warren Sims plus 38 others, Chairman, Marvell, AR.

A-2217. UMYF, Fairview UMC, Herman H. Mandel plus 46 others, Pastor, Pinnacle, NC.

A-2218. Mrs. J. Harryman, UMC, Eunice, NM.

A-2219. Administrative Board, First UMC, Roy C. Rowlan, Minister, Watonga, OK.

A-2220. Robert D. Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

A-2221. Administrative Board, St. John's UMC, Quint H. McCoy, Blackburg, SC.

A-2222. Administrative Board, Woodlawn UMC, Seaborn M. Kiker, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-2223. Delos Blakeman plus 32 others, Wesley Chapel UMC, Nicholasville, KY.

A-2224. Administrative Board, Cross Keys UMC, H. Jack Halaway, Chairman, Macon, GA.

A-2225. Carl R. Spease, D. O., Grace UMC, Lewistown, PA.

A-2226. Council on Ministries, Mr. Elmer Diesel, Chairperson, Titusville, FL.

A-2227. Donna G. Bryon plus 90 others, Community UMC, Elyria, OH.

A-2228. Reverend Jorge Cortizo plus 11 others, Immanuel and First Spanish UMC, Brooklyn, NY.

A-2229. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wheeler, Indian River City UMC, Titusville, FL.

A-2230. Carolyn E. Hicks plus 90 others, Community UMC, Ridgeville, OH.

A-2231. Administrative Board, The Stanleytown UMC, Rob Haley plus 22 others, Stanleytown, VA.

A-2232. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne Edmondson, Christ UMC, Newport News, VA.

A-2233. Kathryn A. Nonnenberg, First UMC, Silver Springs, NY.

A-2234. Helen B. Goff, Pineville First UMC, Pineville, LA.

A-2235. Administrative Board, San Jacinto UMC, Robert Bryant, Sr., Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

A-2236. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tanberg, St. Marks UMC, McAllen, TX.

A-2237. Dorothy M. Davis, Potter, NB.

A-2238. Mr. and Mrs. P. Galanti, Trinity UMC, Morrisville, PA.
A-2239. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Penfold, Fort Lupton UMC, Fort Lupton, CO.
A-2240. Administrative Board, St. Mark UMC, Pensacola, FL.
A-2241. Mrs. J. C. Harryman, UMC, Eunice, NM.
A-2242. Administrative Board, Huntington UMC, William L. Shomo, Chairman, Huntington, WV.
A-2243. Gordon Inscore plus 79 others, Pine Grove UMC, Greeneville, TN.
A-2244. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Christman, Pennville UMC, Pennville, IN.
A-2245. Charles S. Roberts, Mt. View UMC, Damascus, MD.
A-2246. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Koch, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-2247. Administrative Board, Georgia UMC, Kenneth W. Grenier, Chairman, St. Albans, VT.
A-2248. Jane Scull Michelfelder, Parkside UMC, Marlton, NJ.
A-2249. Mrs. Fay Hatfield, UMC, Garden City, KS.
A-2250. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-2251. Ida Mae Oldaker, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-2252. Robert B. Ransey, Cocoa Beach First UMC, El Segundo, CA.
A-2253. Shirley Heintzelman plus ten, White Spring UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.
A-2254. Council on Ministries, St. Paul UMC, Warren H. Rankin, Chairman, Springfield, MO.
A-2255. Administrative Board, Bethesda UMC, Mr. Glenwood D. King, Chairman, Damascus, MD.
A-2256. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Neil Hayes, Chairman, Hamilton, OH.
A-2257. Janet Roberts plus two, Mt. View UMC, Purdum, MD.
A-2258. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cook, Sr., Madison UMC, Madison, AR.
A-2259. Ferne Coxbill, UMC, Atkinson, NB.
A-2260. Frederick C. Cook, Grace UMC, Willard, OH.
A-2261. David Baker plus 109 others, Shreve UMC, Shreve, OH.
A-2262. Reverend Jack L. South, Virginia Annual Conference.
A-2263. Council on Ministries, Tabernacle UMC, Catherine H. Stanley, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.
A-2264. F. H. Ebright, Missouri West Annual Conference.
A-2265. Administrative Board, McDonaldsville St. Paul UMC, Charles W. Ulmer, Pastor, North Canton, OH.
A-2266. Administrative Board, Monthalia UMC, Gilbert Philippus, Chairman, Cost, TX.
A-2267. Mrs. Kenneth A. Maynard, UMC, Dukedom, TN.
A-2268. Clairose Pate Brannen, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.
A-2269. I. Harold Rush, Beamer UMC, Kokomo, IN.
A-2270. Mrs. Paul M. Harry, Nicklin UMC, Franklin, PA.
A-2271. Administrative Board, Mr. Claude D. Finley, Jr., Chairman, Grace UMC, Union, SC.
A-2272. Anne Leu Shope, Okonice UMC, Okolona, AR.
A-2273. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jim Powell, Chairperson, Memphis, TX.
A-2274. Mrs. Eva L. Stahl, Mt. Zion UMC, Canton, OH.
A-2275. UMW, Mrs. R. E. Parry, President, St. Mark UMC, McAllen, TX.
A-2276. Administrative Board, Floyd R. Hyson, Chairman, Smithville, TX.
A-2277. Mrs. Clifton A. Raeke, Monthalia UMC, Cost, TX.
A-2278. Mrs. Clifton A. Raeke, Monthalia UMC, Cost, TX.
A-2279. Hot Springs First UMC, Dorothy Cleveland plus 9 others, President, Hot Springs, AR.
A-2280. Lora M. Holmes, First UMC, Pittsburg, KS.

A-2281. Administrative Board, Highland Park UMC, Dan Deloney, Chairman, Dothan, AL.

A-2282. Administrative Board, Kenedy UMC, Rev. Fred H. Brown plus 26 others, Kenedy, TX.

A-2283. Administrative Board, UMC, Tim Hoolihan, Chairman, Schuylkill Haven, PA.

A-2284. Administrative Board, First UMC, Philip C. Dibrell, Pastor, Sabinal, TX.

A-2285. Dale Leiphat, Oswego Prairie UMC, Oswego, IL.

A-2286. UMW, Mrs. Alma Dazey, President, Canton, OH.

A-2287. Mrs. Paul F. Jones, First UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.

A-2288. Administrative Board, Harlandale UMC, William I. James, San Antonio, TX.

A-2289. Administrative Board, Madison UMC, Mrs. Grady Cook, Secy., Madison, AR.

A-2290. W. Herbert Bennett plus one, Clifton UMC, Clifton Heights, PA.

A-2291. Administrative Board, Southwest Texas Annual Conference, Mr. Charles F. Spiekerman, Jr., Chairman, Odem, TX.

A-2292. Adult Church School Class, University UMC, Ben R. Culver plus 25 others, Topeka, KS.

A-2293. Administrative Board, Alexander L. Stevas, Chairman, Cherrydale UMC, Arlington, VA.

A-2294. Mary Martha Circle, Broadway UMC, Mary K. Stocker, Secy., New Philadelphia, OH.

A-2295. Administrative Board, Conklin Forks UMC, Charles W. Whitcomb, Jr., Chairman, Binghamton, NY.

A-2296. Forest R. Morrison, Louisville UMC, Louisville, OH.

A-2297. Administrative Board, St. Paul's UMC, Mary Murphy, Secy., East St. Louis, IL.

A-2298. Central Cluster UMM, Horace Defore, UMM Pres., Macon, GA.

A-2299. Ethel M. McHenry, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-2300. Mrs. James Adams, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

A-2301. Mrs. Mary P. Chalkley, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-2302. UMW, First UMC, Elsie Price, Pres., Coweta, OK.

A-2303. Administrative Board, New Haven UMC, Nick Robson, Chairman, Tulsa, OK.

A-2304. Administrative Board, First UMC, W. D. Bright, Chairman, Longview, TX.

A-2305. Melvin Meyer plus three others, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-2306. Mrs. E. Adams, Hazel UMC, Hazel, SD.

A-2307. Rev. Glenn Jones plus 49 others, Kerens UMC, Kerens, TX.

A-2308. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Denver D. Eddy, Chairman, Annapolis, MD.

A-2309. Divinelle John, First UMC, Barthsville, OH.

A-2310. Administration Board, Cross Keys UMC, Williamstown, NJ.

A-2311. Administrative Board, UMC of Alexandria, Kenneth R. Nash, Chairman, Alexandria, OH.

A-2312. Administrative Board, South Bellaire UMC, John Trigg, Chairman, Bellaire, OH.

A-2313. Women's Prayer Group, St. George's Church, Shirley J. Cordrez plus eight others, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Laurel, DE.

A-2314. Mrs. Guy Malone, UMC, Canton, WI.

A-2315. Norman L. Reich plus 24 others, St. Peters UMC, Beaverton, PA.

A-2316. Jim Prensall plus 130 others, Oakwood UMC, Lubbock, TX.

A-2317. Steven L. Latch, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-2318. Nancy J. Latch, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-2319. Administrative Board, Gary Yocum, Chairman, Abilene, KS.
A-2320. Edna P. Coow plus 11 others, First UMC, Van Wert, OH.
A-2321. Mrs. LeOra Irene Hedges, Mendon UMC, Mendon, MI.
A-2322. Louise Henize, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-2323. Mary Missen, UMC, Lane, SD.
A-2324. Administrative Board, Harold Carlson, Austin, TX.
A-2325. George V. Peters plus 39 others, Dice UMC, Millmont, PA.
A-2326. Jonathan A. Bader, Asbury UMC, Janesville, WI.
A-2327. Council on Ministries, Ralph W. Chenoweth, Chairman, St. Clair Shores, MI.
A-2328. Miss Deborah Kay Gibson, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.
A-2329. Woodrow and Kathryn Lilly, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-2330. Mrs. Charles Malcom, Andover UMC, Andover, KS.
A-2331. Mrs. D. A. McBroom, First UMC, DeSoto, MO.
A-2332. Mrs. Alice Woodruff, Mt. Tabor UMC, East Canton, OH.
A-2333. Leon Spencer, Center Grove UMC, Millville, NJ.
A-2334. Administrative Board, UMC, Honey Brook, PA.
A-2335. J. Stuart Hedges, Mendon UMC, Colon, MI.
A-2336. Virgil Goodrich, Convis Union UMC, Battle Creek, MI.
A-2337. Janice D. Neff plus 27 others, Emmanuel Community UMC, Menomonee Falls, WI.
A-2338. Beverly Ann Ford, Christ View UMC, Rochester, NY.
A-2339. Ellen Dean plus 38 others, Centennial UMC, Rockford, IL.
A-2340. James M. Shemwell plus 30 others, First UMC, Cabool, MO.
A-2341. Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class, Freda Daniel plus ten others, Bay City, TX.
A-2342. Catherine Wilkinson, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.
A-2343. Clara Eshelman plus 21 others, Wiggins UMC, Fayetteville, AR.
A-2344. Mrs. Jack Black, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.
A-2345. Rev. Merriel A. Abbott, Northwest Texas Conference.
A-2346. Administrative Board, Blountstown UMC, Joe M. McCaskill, Chairman, Blountstown, FL.
A-2347. Louis J. Schafer, Collingswood First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-2348. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.
A-2349. Rev. Howard E. McComes plus 15, Hunt's Chapel UMC, Greeneville, TN.
A-2350. Mr. Roger Schneider plus one other, Cincinnati UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-2351. Mr. Roger Schneider plus one other, UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-2352. Moretta Sue Scott, Galesburg UMC, Galesburg, MI.
A-2353. Forest Rogers, Cleves UMC, Cleves, OH.
A-2354. Mrs. Stewart Parsons, Broken Arrow UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.
A-2355. Roberta Baumgarden, Brownfield UMC, Brownfield, TX.
A-2356. Administrative Board, Pleasant Valley UMC, Calvin L. Alexander, Chairman, Chantilly, VA.
A-2357. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Vernon Roth, Chairperson, Bismarck, ND.
A-2358. Administrative Board, Logan UMC, Rev. C. F. Betters, Philadelphia, PA.
A-2359. W. J. Howlett, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-2360. Administrative Board, First UMC, LeMont Menking, Chairman, Gonzales, TX.
A-2361. Mr. and Mrs. John Walters, UMC, Colorado Springs, CO.
A-2362. Robert S. Sprague, Fritz Memorial UMC, Easton, PA.
A-2363. Mrs. Grace Terwilliger, Sidney UMC, Sidney, NY.

A-2364. Administrative Board-Council, First UMC, Daniel D. Carmany, Pastor, Uhrichsville, OH.

A-2365. God Squad Young Adult Youth Group, Peggy Werntz, Pres., Marshallville, OH.

A-2366. Administrative Board, Hope UMC, Ruby Lambdin, Chairman, Frakes, KY.

A-2367. Administrative Board, Emmanuel UMC, Reinhold Bendewald, Chairman, Ashley, ND.

A-2368. Administrative Board, Easton UMC, Marshallville, OH.

A-2369. Administrative Board, Galena UMC, Evelyn Redfearn, Secretary, Galena, IL.

A-2370. Ethel M. McHenry, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-2371. Fellowship Group, UMW, Great Bend UMC, Dorothy L. Brining, plus 9 others, Chairman, Great Bend, KS.

A-2372. Fenton C. St. John, East Ohio Conference.

A-2373. Administrative Board, Concord UMC, Dean Hess, Chairman, Jacksonville, IL.

A-2374. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Robert Balsizer, Chairman, Ashland, OH.

A-2375. David R. Clutterham plus 11 others, UMC, Indialantic, FL.

A-2376. Burrell M. Ketchersid, Holston Annual Conference.

A-2377. UMW, Bellefontaine First UMC, May V. Acker plus 19 others, Bellefontaine, OH.

A-2378. Administrative Board, First UMC, Richard W. Hightower, Chairman, Watonga, OK.

A-2379. Administrative Board, Woodlawn UMC, Seaborn M. Kiker, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-2380. Council on Ministries, First UMC, James L. Jones, Chairman, Littlefield, TX.

A-2381. Robert Noggle, Oswego Prairie UMC, Plainfield, IL.

A-2382. Mrs. Laverne Korestmes, Clough UMC, Amelia, OH.

A-2383. Administrative Board, UMC, Virginia Ringgenberg, Secy., Pond Creek, OK.

A-2384. UMW, St. George's Church, Delmar, DE.

A-2385. Administrative Board, San Jacinto UMC, Robert Bryant, Sr., Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

A-2386. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Owen, Bartlesville First UMC, Bartlesville, OK.

A-2387. Mrs. Fern Noggle, Oswego Prairie UMC.

A-2388. One hundred ninety-eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2389. Administrative Board, Mrs. Harry Pitman, Chairperson, Melmore UMC, Melmore, OH.

A-2390. Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Womick, Anna UMC, Anna, IL.

A-2391. Administrative Board, Cherie B. Palmer, Chairperson, Bethany UMC, Latrobe, PA.

A-2392. UMW Executive Board, Gatlinburg First UMC, Dorothy E. Whaling plus 9 others, Gatlinburg, TN.

A-2393. Mrs. J. K. Juergensmeyer, Carlinville UMC, IL.

A-2394. Council on Ministries, Great Bend First UMC, C. R. Curtis, Chairman, Great Bend, KS.

A-2395. Council on Ministries, Convis Union UMC, Shirley C. Wells, Secretary, Battle Creek, MI.

A-2396. Administrative Board, Tullahoma First UMC, Marshall Brown, Chairman, Tullahoma, TN.

A-2397. Administrative Board, Tabernacle UMC, Marvin F. Twiford, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-2398. Mrs. Cecil T. Jennings, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.

A-2399. Mrs. Earl Skiff, Sr., Old Salem UMC, Greenville, PA.

A-2400. UMW of the Good Hope UMC, Mrs. Ruth Reisinger, Pres., Washington, OH.

A-2401. Administrative Board, New Martinsburg UMC, Eldon Marshall, Chairman, Good Hope, OH.

A-2402. Administrative Board, Mt. Bethel UMC, Bowerston, OH.

A-2403. Administrative Board, St. Mark UMC, John P. Riggs, Chairman, McAllen, TX.

A-2404. Travis B. McNair, Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

A-2405. UMW, Hot Springs First UMC, Dorothy Cleveland plus 9 others, Hot Springs, AR.

A-2406. Lora M. Holmes, First UMC, Pittsburg, KS.

A-2407. Administrative Board, Dueber UMC, Robert Craber, Chairman, Canton, OH.

A-2408. Senior High Youth, Trinity UMC, Alice Thornburg, Pres., Ashland, OH.

A-2409. Administrative Board, First UMC, Ronald Zimmerman, Chairman, Millersburg, OH.

A-2410. Administrative Board, Richard H. Wise, Chairman, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-2411. Christie Leifheit, Oswego Prairie UMC, Oswego, IL.

A-2412—A-2419. (Numbers not used)

A-2420. Administrative Board, Greenwood UMC, Delton Cook, Chairman, Mulkeyton, IL.

A-2421. James M. Fry, Jr., Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-2422. Myrtle Hanney plus 13 others, Bethany UMC, Abilene, KS.

A-2423. Mr. and Mrs. David Adams, Dueber UMC, North Canton, OH.

A-2424. John T. Coleman, First UMC, Little Rock, AR.

A-2425. Katherine V. Coleman, First UMC, Little Rock, AR.

A-2426. Lillian Burnette, Marissa UMC, Marissa, IL.

A-2427. Mrs. Russell Coney, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-2428. Catherine O. Seabrook, Pine Bluff, AR.

A-2429. Administrative Board, Paradise Hills UMC, Ronald E. Brown, Chairman, plus nine others, Albuquerque, NM.

A-2430. Leonard Meyer plus one member, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-2431. Administrative Board, North Platte UMC, Rhonda Seacrest, Chairman, plus one member, North Platte, NB.

A-2432. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Holman, Union City UMC, Union City, TN.

A-2433. Council on Ministries, Dunbar UMC, Dunbar, WV.

A-2434. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

A-2435. Iona L. Davis, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2436. Administrative Board, Darrel Poetman, plus ten members, Wessington Springs, SD.

A-2437. Administrative Board, Harold Carlson, Member, Austin, TX.

A-2438. Rev. C. A. Gehring, South Dakota Annual Conference.

A-2439. Arthur R. Kirk, East Ohio Annual Conference.

A-2440. Mrs. Sarah E. Decker, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-2441. Mrs. L. E. Croy, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-2442. Alcesta L. Manns, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-2443. Jill McCree, First UMC, Ashtabula, OH.

A-2444. Council on Ministries, Jerry J. Nerlham, Member, Cincinnati, OH.

A-2445. Administrative Board, Rev. Robert Fortier, Pastor, Honey Brook, PA.

A-2446. Administrative Board, Bynum UMC, Lucille Stephens, member plus 17 members, Bynum, AL.

A-2447. Administrative Board, Bellemead UMC, Otis M. Rice, Chairman, Point Pleasant, WV.

A-2448. Charles E. Heinlan, Bucyrus Liberty Chapel UMC, Bucyrus, OH.

A-2449. Council on Ministries, Pullman Heights UMC, Arnold Wofer, Chairperson, Hot Springs National Park, AR.

A-2450. Gertrude Veatch, UMC, Clinton, KY.

A-2451. Marie McClinton, plus 24 other members, Wiggins UMC, Fayetteville, AR.

A-2452. Scarlett Bennett, UMC, Crutchfield, KY.

A-2453. Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie D. Parks, UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-2454. Christian Social Involvement, UMW, Ruth Partridge, Chairperson, Mt. Vernon, OH.

A-2455. Mrs. Harriett H. Kleist, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-2456. Albert Myen, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

A-2457. Administrative Board, Newton UMC, Mrs. Monica L. Nerl, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

A-2458. Administrative Board, Newtown UMC, Mrs. Monica L. Nerl, Chairperson, Cincinnati, OH.

A-2459. Pearla M. Smith, Barnsboro UMC, Sewell, NJ.

A-2460. Charlene Baumgardner, Brownfield UMC, Brownfield, TX.

A-2461. Robert Baumgardner, Brownfield UMC, Brownfield, TX.

A-2462. D. E. Moore, Farmville UMC, Farmville, VA.

A-2463. Mrs. Grace Gilroy, Convis UMC, Battle Creek, MI.

A-2464. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Vernon Roth, Chairperson, Bismark, ND.

A-2465. Administrative Board, Paupack UMC, J. Richard Hunter, Chairman, Hawley, PA.

A-2466. Ronald E. Brown, New Mexico Annual Conference.

A-2467. Administrative Board, UMC, Cookstown, NJ.

A-2468. William A. Valentine III, Langhorne UMC, Langhorne, PA.

A-2469. Administrative Board, Raymondville UMC, R. P. Wood, Chairman, Raymondville, TX.

A-2470. Administrative Board, Salem UMC, William A. Richards, Chairman, Selbyville, DE.

A-2471. Administrative Board, Saugatuck UMC, Wilhilmina Fiske, Secy., Saugatuck, MI.

A-2472. Joe and Nancy Hyde, Grace UMC, Hamilton, OH.

A-2473. Administrative Board, St. John's UMC, Harold Roehn, Chairperson, Mt. Vernon, IN.

A-2474. Leighton S. Bishop, Baltimore Annual Conference.

A-2475. Administrative Board, Mt. Tabor UMC, Paul Crooks, Pastor, East Canton, OH.

A-2476. Administrative Board, First UMC, Wilber Green, Chairperson, Olton, TX.

A-2477. Council on Ministries, New Athens UMC, Richard Petrowich, Chairman, New Athens, IL.

A-2478. Wanda Sue Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.

A-2479. Advance Church School Class, First UMC, Mrs. J. L. Snider, Teacher, Olton, TX.

A-2480. William D. Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.

A-2481. Uniola Adams, Atkinson UMC, Atkinson, NB.

A-2482. Mrs. D. L. Givens plus 61 others, First UMC, Olton, TX.

A-2483. Administrative Board, First UMC, Richard Rees, Chairman, Willard, OH.

A-2484. Administrative Board, First UMC, Garland Head, Chairman, Spearman, TX.

A-2485. Edward M. Galbert, plus 20 members, Ogden UMC, Ogden, WV.

A-2486. Committee on Social Concerns, Lainter UMC, Celia Lausted, Chairman, plus 81 other members, Colfax, WI.

A-2487. Edward M. Galbert, plus 20 members, Ogden UMC, Ogden, WV.

A-2488. Administrative Board, UMC, Dariel R. Helffevil, Chairman, Pleasant Unity, PA.

A-2489. West Franklin United Methodist Women, Mrs. Guy Venderueer, Secy., West Unity, OH.

A-2490. Administrative Board, First UMC, William E. Dozier, Jr., Chairman, Kerrville, TX.

A-2491. Administrative Board, Rome UMC, R. R. Vincent, Chairman, Proctorville, OH.

A-2492. Carlisle Clewis, Hyde Park UMC, Tampa, FL.

A-2493. Administrative Board, Fox Chase UMC, Mrs. J. D. Strickland, Chairperson, Philadelphia, PA.

A-2494. Administrative Board, Southside UMC, R. E. Ransbottom, Chairman, Huntington, WV.

A-2495. Mrs. Theo Siepmann, Monthalia UMC, Cost, TX.

A-2496. Dale Hasson, Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

A-2497. Administrative Board, First UMC, Dr. Scott Russell, Chairman, Altus, OK.

A-2498. Bernadine and William R. Simpson, UMC, New Haven, OH.

A-2499. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jerry Price, Recording Secy., Minden, LA.

A-2500. Duane W. Priset, Disciples UMC, Holley, NY.

A-2501. Administrative Board, New Egypt UMC, New Egypt, NJ.

A-2502. Beth Priset, Disciples UMC, Holley, NY.

A-2503. Administrative Board, Chapel Heights UMC, Warren R. Olson, Chairman, plus three members, Eau Claire, WI.

A-2504. Jeanne Stewart, Shiloh UMC, Belleville, IL.

A-2505. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Ray Kinniso, Chairperson, Olton, TX.

A-2506. C. & P. Baxter, Faith UMC, House Springs, MO.

A-2507. J. L. Gray plus 9 members, Faith UMC, House Springs, MO.

A-2508. Rev. Elva Hardy and Rev. Treasie Hardy, South Indiana Annual Conference.

A-2509. Mrs. Peggy Whitaker, Eunice First UMC, Eunice, NM.

A-2510. Council on Ministries and Administrative Board, Glenns Valley UMC, Linda Key, Chairperson, Indianapolis, IN.

A-2511. Council on Ministries and Administrative Board, Arnold UMC, Mrs. Floyd Mills, Secy., Arnold, NB.

A-2512. Administrative Board, Robert Baird, Chairman, Sanger, CA.

A-2513. Gary A. Ziegler, Virginia Annual Conference.

A-2514. Geraldine G. Langland, Staves UMC, Des Moines, IA.

A-2515. Administrative Board, North Adams UMC, Lois Bohn, Chairperson, North Adams, MI.

A-2516. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, Ganges UMC, Thelma J. Margot, Secretary, Fennville, MI.

A-2517. Richard W. McClain, West Michigan Annual Conference.

A-2518. North Carolina Annual Conference, James H. Coile, Secy., Trenton, NC.

A-2519. Administrative Board, Lavalette UMC, Norman S. McCallister, Chairman, Lavalette, WV.

A-2520. Administrative Board, New Hope UMC, Wesley Ummel, Pastor, Arnold, MO.

A-2521. Joseph M. Davis, Central Zaire.

A-2522. Bill Hulse and 55 members, Elmwood West UMC, Abilene, TX.

A-2523. Administrative Board, Salem UMC, E. J. Smith, Chairman, Ballwin, MO.

A-2524. Administrative Board, Elmwood West UMC, Carroll B. Chapman, Chairman, Abilene, TX.

A-2525. Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Stilgenbauer, UMC.

A-2526. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Daniel Bengston, Pastor, Marion, IN.

A-2527. Administrative Board, New Hope UMC, James Newton, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-2528. Ichthus Sunday School Class, First UMC, Royce Dixon, Pres., Largo, FL.

A-2529. Council on Ministries, Carleton UMC, Mrs. Glenn McEwan, Chairperson, Carleton, MI.

A-2530. Administrative Board, Community UMC, J. Charles Thompson, Chairman, Belle Glade, FL.

A-2531. Administrative Board, Memorial UMC, Charles O. Eberly, Chairperson, Neptune City, NJ.

A-2532. Circle #4, United Methodist Women, First UMC, Hazel Oehler, Chairman, and 15 members, Kerrville, TX.

A-2533. United Methodist Women, New Haven UMC, Betty Vetter, Pres., Tulsa, OK.

A-2534. Central Illinois Conference, Larry L. Lawler.

A-2535. Anna M. and John T. Allums, Clifton Heights UMC, Clifton Heights, PA.

A-2536. Administrative Board, Barwick UMC, Rupert Green, Chairman, Boston, GA.

A-2537. Mrs. Glenda Willis and 25 members, Linwood Heights UMC, Boothwyn, PA.

A-2538. Romney District, West Virginia Annual Conference, Denver L. Miles, Chairman.

A-2539. Louisiana Annual Conference, L. Ray Branton, Secy.

A-2540. F. Cotton and 26 members, Orange Park UMC, Orange Park, FL.

A-2541. William Dale Powers, West Ohio Annual Conference.

A-2542. Hugh Delany and 28 members, Mount Zion UMC, Winchester, NY.

A-2543. Marvin A. Northcutt, Yellowstone Annual Conference.

A-2544. Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Gaugh, Bethel Valley UMC, Akron, OH.

A-2545. Administrative Board, Staves Memorial UMC, James Dowis, Chairperson, Des Moines, IA.

A-2546. Homebuilders Sunday School Class, First UMC, Maxine Singleterry and 20 members, Olton, TX.

A-2547. Administrative Board, Amherst UMC, Charles H. Shaffer, Chairman and 12 members, Waldo, KS.

A-2548. Administrative Board, Asbury UMC, Myra Ann Graves, Secy., Webster City, IA.

A-2549. Alfred Tyers, Clifton UMC, Clifton Heights, PA.

A-2550. Dr. Harold Delaney and four members, Calvary UMC, Albuqerque, NM.

A-2551. Administrative Board, Hawleyton UMC, Leland A. Moses, Chairman, Binghamton, NY.

A-2552. Hazel Evans and 40 members, United Methodist Home, Meadville, PA.

A-2553. Council on Ministries, Means Memorial UMC, James Craddock, Chairman, Andrews, TX.

A-2554. Angela Bailey, Covenant UMC, Parma, OH.

A-2555. James A. Stewart, First UMC, Karnes City, TX.

A-2556. Stephen R. Maytan, First UMC, Green Bay, WI.

A-2557. Mrs. Ruth S. Jackson, Wesley UMC, Worcester, MA.

A-2558. Council on Ministries, Woods UMC, Mrs. Charlene Wall, Chairman, Arnold, NB.

A-2559. Administrative Board, St. Georges UMC, Frances E. Winslow, Philadelphia, PA.

A-2560. Sarah Simpson Guild of Highland Park UMC, Elise Johnson and 29 members, Dallas, TX.

A-2561. Administrative Board, Bismarck First UMC, William A. Strutz, Chairperson, Bismarck, ND.

A-2562. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, John C. Wallace, Chairman, South Webster, OH.

A-2563. Administrative Board, Campbelltown UMC, Carl E. Cope, Chairman and 38 members, Campbelltown, PA.

A-2564. Ruby Burton, Frankfort UMC, Frankfort, OH.

A-2565. One-hundred eighty identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2566. Thirty-five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2567. Thirty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2568. Eighteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2569. Sixty-three identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2570. Thirty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2571. Thirty-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2572. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Homer Hall, Chairman, Rockford, OH.

A-2573. United Methodist Women's Unit of the Carleton UMC, Mrs. Jean Baker, Pres., Carleton, MI.

A-2574. Good Shepherd UMC, David Brier, Chairman of the Administrative Board, and one member, Indianapolis, IN.

A-2575. Betty Jane Winget and one member, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.

A-2576. Harold O. Neff and 21 members, Freeburg UMC, Freeburg, PA.

A-2577. Bonnie J. Taylor, Jefferson Chapel UMC, Columbia City, IN.

A-2578. William M. Strike and one member, First UMC, Runnemede, NJ.

A-2579. Mr. and Mrs. John Boehnlein, Cleves UMC, Cleves, OH.

A-2580. Mrs. Stella Bledsoe, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2581. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wilson, UMC, Kingman, KS.

A-2582. Frank Ball, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2583. Mrs. Robert Van Deventer, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-2584. Thomas Hammom, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-2585. Administrative Board, Cedarville UMC, Permelia J. Schaffer, Secy., Cedarville, NJ.

A-2586. Alma B. Halter, UMC, De Soto, MO.

A-2587. Administrative Board, West Independence UMC, Garry French, Chairman, Fostoria, OH.

A-2588. Robert W. Carswell, UMC.

A-2589. John D. Butson and 35 members, LeCenter-Cleveland UMC, LeCenter, MN.

A-2590. Judy L. Long, Wood's UMC, Chesterfield, VA.

A-2591. Administrative Board, Folks Run UMC, Allen R. Sieves, Chairman, Criders, VA.

A-2592. Barbara A. Radu, East Mt. Zion UMC, Findlay, OH.

A-2593. Laura Marie Rimmer, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2594. Mrs. Ramsey L. Taylor, Zion UMC, Gretna, VA.

A-2595. Ruby Bogan, Liberty Chapel UMC, Bucyrus, OH.

A-2596. Mary Cole, Leaton UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

A-2597. Virginia Woods and 41 members, UMC, East Meadow, NY.

A-2598. Pauline Neill and 26 members, Memorial Coloseeum UMC, Ness City, KS.

A-2599. Administrative Board, Pullman Heights UMC, Sam E. Howard, Chairperson, Hot Springs National Park, AR.

A-2600. Administrative Board, UMC, Rhoda Seacrest, Chairman, North Platte, NB.

A-2601. Harry C. Renner, Virginia Conference.

A-2602. Lee Whitacre, Howards Chapel UMC, Winchester, VA.

A-2603. Administrative Board, UMC, Sollie Burchill, Chairman, Valley City, ND.

A-2604. Leonard and Pauline Johnson, Wesley Park UMC, Wyoming, MI.

A-2605. Mrs. John T. McCreery, III, First UMC, Corbin, KY.

A-2606. Mrs. Carl W. McCormick, Ringsley Chapel UMC, Proctorville, OH.

A-2607. Hazel and Oliver Eckert and six members, Leesville UMC, Crestline, OH.

A-2608. Mrs. Norm McVicker, UMC, Murfreesboro, TN.

A-2609. June B. Phillips, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-2610. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Feese, Steele UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2611. Mrs. Frank Ball, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2612. Administrative Board, Lititz UMC, Harold M. Young, Pastor, Lititz, PA.

A-2613. Administrative Board, Noble UMC, Clyde Schuler, Chairman, Griswold, IA.

A-2614. Perry UMC, Perry, KS.

A-2615. Ohio River Charge, UMC, Alee Leaure, Chairman, Sardis, OH.

A-2616. Administrative Board, Alton UMC, Carol Sharp, Secy., Alton, NY.

A-2617. Donna Charlene Porter, Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-2618. Board of Church and Society, Texas Annual Conference, Velma Jeter, Chairperson, Houston, TX.

A-2619. Rebecca Cann, First UMC, Corbin KY.

A-2620. Administrative Board, White Rock UMC, Robert Campbell, Chairman, Dallas, TX.

A-2621. Mrs. Hazel Ford, Arlington UMC, Arlington, TX.

A-2622. Administrative Board, Ward Memorial UMC, Marvin Philippus, Chairman, Austin, TX.

A-2623. Myrtle S. Duesenberg and one member, First UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-2624. Administrative Board, Woodbury UMC, Donald A. Firchow, Chairman, Woodbury, CN.

A-2625. White Springs UMC, Shirley Heinzetnon and ten members, Mifflinburg, PA.

A-2626. United Methodist Women, Nameoki UMC, Dorothy M. Ashford, Pres., Granite City, IL.

A-2627. Mrs. Alva Polard and one member, Kingman UMC, Kingman, KS.

A-2628. Charles B. Shruman and four members, UMC, Sullivan, IL.

A-2629. Mrs. Cleo A. Ropp, Jefferson Chapel UMC, Columbia City, IN.

A-2630. Lynn J. Dummer and one member, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-2631. Mrs. Harold A. Thompson, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2632. Mrs. Louise W. Harwood, First UMC, Haddon Heights, NJ.

A-2633. Administrative Board, First UMC, C. W. Golson, Chairman, Rankin, TX.

A-2634. Lois McMahan, Winfield UMC, Winfield, KS.

A-2635. Mr. and Mrs. John Boehnlein, Cleves UMC, Cleves, OH.

A-2636. Myron P. Walker, First UMC, Westmont, NJ.

A-2637. Administrative Board, Steele Memorial UMC, Gordon Lee Hanson, Chairman, Barboursville, WV.

A-2638. United Methodist Women, Wooster UMC, Mrs. James Parcell, Pres., Wooster, OH.

A-2639. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fenn, UMC, Battle Creek, MI.

A-2640. Mrs. Fred Mitchell, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

A-2641. Mr. and Mrs. John R. McClanahan, Crutchfield UMC, Crutchfield, KY.

A-2642. Ruth Circle, UMC, Mrs. Zoe Davidson, Chairman, Delphos, KS.

A-2643. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fenn, Battle Creek UMC, Battle Creek, MI.

A-2644. Jeanne Frisbie, Gypsum UMC, Salina, KS.

A-2645. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jimmy Marshall, Chairman, Jourdanton, TX.

A-2646. Dixon UMC, Larry R. Wells, Pastor, Dixon, MO.

A-2647. W. D. Nigh and 36 members, City Heights UMC, Van Buren, AR.

A-2648. Board of Church and Society, Southern Illinois Conference, Fred L. Beck, Chairman, Alton, IN.

A-2649. Council on Ministries, Ross Calvary UMC, Ivan D. Rose, Chairman and 15 members, Audubon, IA.

A-2650. Administrative Board, Fairmount UMC, Howard Van Tay, Chairman, Basehor, KS.

A-2651. Mrs. Gale Brehm, Steele UMC, Waupaca, WI.

A-2652. Larry R. Wells, Elkins UMC, Rolla, MO.

A-2653. Mrs. Florence Weller, UMC, Aston, PA.

A-2654. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bane, UMC, Spivey, KS.

A-2655. Thomas R. Davis, Steele Memorial UMC, LeSage, WV.

A-2656. John H. Ashley, Trinity UMC, Harwood, MD.

A-2657. Miss Avon Earley, Christ UMC, Sebring, OH.

A-2658. John E. Cockran, Reiffsburg UMC, Bluffton, IN.

A-2659. Administrative Board, Floresville UMC, P. T. Wright, Chairman, Floresville, TX.

A-2660. Mr. Eugene Luster and one member, Steele UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2661. Council on Ministries, Ross Calvary UMC, Ivan D. Rose, and 15 members, Audubon, IA.

A-2662. Parma Smith, Kingman UMC, Kingman, KA.

A-2663. Council on Ministries, Columbia City UMC, Phyllis J. Bear, Chairman, Columbia City, IN.

A-2664. Administrative Board, Lafayette First UMC, Gladys P. Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.

A-2665. Mrs. Jane Barnes plus three, Conneaut UMC, Conneaut, OH.

A-2666. Arthur E. Fothergill, Christ UMC, Gahanna, OH.

A-2667. Scott Luttrell, Schockeysville UMC, Middletown, VA.

A-2668. Administrative Board, Floresville UMC, P. T. Wright, Chairman, Floresville, TX.

A-2669. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Graves, Kingman UMC, Kingman, KS.

A-2670. Beverly J. Jennings, St. Andrew's UMC, Wilmore, KY.

A-2671. Beverly J. Jennings, St. Andrew's UMC, Wilmore, KY.

A-2672. Sheila M. Shrout, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.

A-2673. Mrs. Howard Dennison, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-2674. Administrative Board, Lebanon UMC, Ronald E. Fox, Chairman, Lebanon, OH.

A-2675. Administrative Board, Hartstown UMC, Hartstown, PA.

A-2676. Administrative Board, Churchman UMC, Dennis Hebinle, Chairman, Wyoming, NM.

A-2677. Administrative Board, Churchville UMC, Roger L. Horlow, Chairman, Churchvill, VA.

A-2678. Administrative Board, Parnassus UMC, Roger L. Horlow, Chairman, Churchville, VA.

A-2679. Martha B. Rockelle, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.

A-2680. Mrs. Howard A. Jester, Chanute UMC, Chanute, KS.

A-2681. Janet Kekil, Damascus UMC, Salem, OH.

A-2682. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin F. Todd, St. Mark UMC, McAllen, TX.

A-2683. Administrative Board, First UMC, Berta Hepler, Secy., Endicott, NY.

A-2684. Administrative Board, Patoka UMC, Lyle E. Black plus 52, Chairman, Patoka, IL.

A-2685. Kenneth Harr, Wesley Park UMC, Wyoming, MI.

A-2686. Martha B. Rackelle, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.

A-2687. Mrs. Stewart Parsons plus two, Broken Arrow UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-2688. Administrative Board, Benson UMC, Robert Brannock, Chairperson, Berry, KY.

A-2689. Administrative Board, Vernon UMC, James N. Pyle, Member, Vernon, IL.

A-2690. Administrative Board, First UMC, Berta Hepler, Secy., Endicott, NY.

A-2691. Rev. Lester R. Grove, West Virginia Conference.

A-2692. Pauline Neff plus 23, Freeburg UMC, Freeburg, PA.

A-2693. L. J. Gearhart plus 23, Trinity UMC, New Columbia, PA.

A-2694. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Eastman, Parfreyville UMC, Waupaca, WI.

A-2695. Mrs. David Nyenhouse, Asbury UMC, Asbury, NJ.

A-2696. Mildred Finch and Wayne Finch, Christ UMC, Columbus, OH.

A-2697. Ercel Ramey, Oakridge UMC, Oakridge, OR.

A-2698. Administrative Board, Faith UMC, Mavis Migre, Secy., Racine, WI.

A-2699. Administrative Board, Fenton UMC, Raymond Armstrong, Chairman, Fenton IL.

A-2700. Administrative Board, Lexington UMC, Ed Herrington, Chairman, Lexington, KY.

A-2701. Administrative Board, First UMC, Dr. Gordon Norton, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-2702. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jack McCallie, Vice-Chairman, Borger, TX.

A-2703. Louise C. Temple, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-2704. Administrative Board, Levelland UMC, J. L. Donnelly, Chairman, Levelland, TX.

A-2705. Mrs. Joe Hogan, Marlow First UMC, Marlow, OK.

A-2706. John D. Butson, Cleveland UMC, LeCenter, MN.

A-2707. Elsie H. Smith, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2708. Fifty-three identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2709. Seventy-three identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2710. Carole M. Exley, Old Salem UMC, Greenville, PA.

A-2711. Arthur A. Seibert plus 28, West Milton UMC, West Milton, PA.

A-2712. Administrative Board, Mt. Zion UMC, Olen B. Watts, Pres., Milton, PA.

A-2713. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jack McCallie, Vice-Chairman, Borger, TX.

A-2714. Lela McCurdy, Liberty Chapel UMC, Bucyrus, OH.

A-2715. Florence M. Highfield, New Egypt UMC, New Egypt, NJ.

A-2716. Administrative Board, Orange UMC, Dr. Ronald Haas, Chairperson, Chapel Hill, NC.

A-2717. Lyle E. DeGraw, First UMC, Rockford, IA.

A-2718. Diana Heer, Kingman UMC, Kingman, KS.

A-2719. Mrs. G. A. Nelson, Overland Park UMC, Overland Park, KS.

A-2720. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Weatherford, Sr., Forney UMC, Forney, TX.

A-2721. Bible Study Class plus 29, Pittsburg UMC, Pittsburg, KS.

A-2722. Courtland Brewer and Laura Brewer, Yeargins Chapel UMC, Graham, KY.

A-2723. Karl O. Magrusson plus 41, Trinity UMC, Winfield, KS.

A-2724. Administrative Board, Marion UMC, Owen Myers, Chairman, Marion, PA.

A-2725. Beatrice N. Koch, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.

A-2726. Harvey H. Koch, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.

A-2727. Charles C. Ketz, Pullman Heights UMC, Hot Springs, AR.

A-2728. William P. Horne, plus 28, First UMC, Hamlet, NC.

A-2729. Administrative Board, First UMC, Sandra S. Roberts, Chairman, Butler, AL.

A-2730. George W. Hess, Tabernacle UMC, Cape May, NJ.

A-2731. Administrative Board, Boulevard UMC, Joseph C. McMary, Secy., Statesville, NC.

A-2732. Mrs. Lydia R. Bernhard, Ebenezer UMC, Anna, IL.

A-2733. Administrative Board, Ennis First UMC, Mrs. Frances Anne Blocker, Secy., Palmer, TX.

A-2734. UMW, Wesley UMC, Maretta M. Weisel, Pres., Phillipsburg, NJ.

A-2735. Mrs. William T. Swan, Colon UMC, Leonidas, MI.

A-2736. Leon O. Draeger plus 20, Osceola UMC, Osceola, NB.

A-2737. Administrative Board, Tuttle UMC, Frank Whitman plus seven, Chairman, Tuttle, ND.

A-2738. Administrative Board, Los Angeles Heights UMC, Charles C. Collie, Chairperson, San Antonio, TX.

A-2739. Helen Dixon, Florence UMC, Independence, KY.

A-2740. Arthur A. Seibert plus 26, West Milton UMC, West Milton, PA.

A-2741. Council on Youth Ministry, Larry Manley, Chairperson, Nashville, TN.

A-2742. Dorothy M. Gravenstine, Tabernacle UMC, Cape May, NJ.

A-2743. William Wilcox, First UMC, Cedar Falls, IA.

A-2744. Church Conference of Salem-Kinser, Michael Walker, Presiding Officer, Greenville, TX.

A-2745. James M. Wisz, Okeana, OH.

A-2746. Mrs. J. DeFrectos, First UMC, Haddon Heights, NJ.

A-2747. Mr. and Mrs. James Dozien, Forney UMC, Forney, TX.
A-2748. Jeanette Powell plus five, First UMC, Lovington, NM.
A-2749. Mr. and Mrs. H. Cummings, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.
A-2750. James and Charlotte Miller, Scott UMC, Shipshewana, IN.
A-2751. Harry H. Joyce, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.
A-2752. James Fink, Jr., First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-2753. David A. McElroy, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.
A-2754. Donald and Linda Heinlen, Liberty Chapel UMC, Bucyrus, OH.
A-2755. Mrs. Lucille Hart, Central UMC, Lawrence, KS.
A-2756. Dorothy S. Cunningham, Frankfort UMC, Frankfort, OH.
A-2757. William F. Kegel, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.
A-2758. Mary Ellen Kegel, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.
A-2759. Wayne P. Kadow, Wesley UMC, Manitowoc, WI.
A-2760. James and Audrey Walter, First UMC, Madison, WI.
A-2761. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Lloyd Shellenberger plus 18, Member, Middleburg, PA.
A-2762. Administrative Board, Memorial UMC, James O. Willy, Chairman, Coal Grove, OH.
A-2763. Administrative Board, Mulberry St. UMC, Charles M. Colhard, Chairman, Macon, GA.
A-2764. Council on Ministries, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Mrs. Ernest Pearson, Member, Scottsville, KY.
A-2765. Werner T. Wickstrom, Northern Illinois Conference.
A-2766. Victor J. Henderson, Leonidas UMC, Fulton, MI.
A-2767. Mrs. Charles William Call, Steeb Memorial UMC, Huntington, WV.
A-2768. Karen Hintz, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.
A-2769. M. Patrick Hintz, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.
A-2770. Tannisse Joyce, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.
A-2771. Madge Conner, New Hope UMC, Fulton, TN.
A-2772. Linda Elliott, Jefferson Chapel UMC, Columbia City, IN.
A-2773. Elsie and Roy James, Liberty Chapel UMC, Bucyrus, OH.
A-2774. Rev. Willard Gilroy, West Michigan Conference.
A-2775. Steven Cann, Corbin UMC, Corbin, KY.
A-2776. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seversiki, Cambridge UMC, Cambridge, IA.
A-2777. Administrative Board, Bridgeport UMC, Kenneth Hoffman, Chairman, Indianapolis, IN.
A-2778. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.
A-2779. Wayne L. and Vera L. Eby, Bethel UMC, Elkhart, IN.
A-2780. Jane Cocke, First UMC, Lovington, NM.
A-2781. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Reeves plus 20, First UMC, Lovington, NM.
A-2782. Gerald Phillips plus 28, First UMC, Lovington, NM.
A-2783. Rev. Carlton Carruth, South Georgia Conference.
A-2784. Administrative Board, Sunnyside UMC, Ray W. Miller, Chairman, Sunnyside WA.
A-2785. Rev. Don Burroughs, Southern Illinois Conference.
A-2786. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Donald Barnett, Chairman, Marion, PA.
A-2787. Mrs. Agnes Rosenberger, Lamps Memorial UMC, Winchester, VA.
A-2788. Jack L. Latch, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-2789. Milton H. Harvey, Haddonfield UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.
A-2790. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Messinger, Kingman UMC, Rago, KS.
A-2791. Administrative Board and Council on Ministry, South Park UMC, Justino A. Christians, Chairman, Buffalo, NY.
A-2792. Linda Kieser, plus 26, Wessington Springs UMC, Wessington Springs, SD.

A-2793. Administrative Board, Evangel UMC, Gordon and Neva Martin, Co-chairpersons, Rochester, MN.

A-2794. Ralph Merkle, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-2795. United Methodist Women, Good Shepherd UMC, Park Ridge, IL.

A-2796. William Pierce, plus 32, Upland UMC, Upland, IN.

A-2797. William E. Manns, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-2798. Official Board, Cokesbury UMC, Rev. Lester H. Haines, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

E-2799. 1830's Sunday School Class, Atwood UMC, Thomas W. Bethell, Teacher, Atwood, KS.

A-2800. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Sidney Garrett, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

A-2801. Mervin and Velma Fox, Mount Vernon UMC, Wichita, KS.

A-2802. Administrative Board, Damascus UMC, James Barclay, Chairman, Damascus, OH.

A-2803. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-2804. Council on Ministries, Hope Finley UMC, Dwayne Davis, Chairman, Page, ND.

A-2805. B. N. Westmoreland, Kermit UMC, Kermit, TX.

A-2806. Administrative Board, Level Cross and New Hope UMC, James W. White plus 84, Pastor, Dobson, NC.

A-2807. Ronald E. Carnahan, plus 83, Zion UMC, Middleburg, PA.

A-2808. Wilbur A. Smith, Columbus UMC, Columbus, OH.

A-2809. Mrs. Howard Summerfield, First UMC, Oaklyn, NJ.

A-2810. Mrs. Don Melvin, Greenville UMC, Greenville, PA.

A-2811. Rev. L. Thomas Moore, Jr., Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

A-2812. Robert Barrar, Mount Ephraim UMC, Runnemede, NJ.

A-2813. Joe N. Westmoreland, Kermit UMC, Kermit, TX.

A-2814. United Methodist Women, Pittsburg UMC, Claudia M. Gill, Member, Pittsburg, KS.

A-2815. Administrative Board, Pleasant Hill UMC, J. A. Pearson plus 18, Chairman, Springville, AL.

A-2816. Mrs. Mildred W. Smith, Collingswood UMC, Cherry Hill, NJ.

A-2817. Aileen Seeman, Fairmount UMC, Basehor, KS.

A-2818. Mrs. Edith Gorgodian, First UMC, Cherry Hill, NJ.

A-2819. Twenty-three identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2820. Mike Nanney plus one, Martin UMC, Martin, TN.

A-2821. Paul B. Gray, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-2822. Mrs. D. M. Mayer, Kermit UMC, Kermit, TX.

A-2823. Mrs. Mary W. Westmoreland, Kermit UMC, Kermit, TX.

A-2824. Deborah Roney plus 10, West Allis UMC, West Allis, WI.

A-2825. Cheryl Fugua, Wingo UMC, Wingo, KY.

A-2826. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-2827. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Members, Trenton, NJ.

A-2828. The Questers Class, Walnut Hill UMC, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson plus 20 Members, Dallas, TX.

A-2829. Dorothy Bobish, Damascus UMC, Alliance, OH.

A-2830. Mrs. Joe N. Westmoreland, Kermit UMC, Kermit, TX.

A-2831. Ruth Trout, plus 25, Denver UMC, Tunnelton, WV.

A-2832. Seventy-two identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2833. Seventy-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2834. Two-hundred and twenty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2835. New York Annual Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Conference Secretary, Members, Bridgeport, CN.

A-2836. Mrs. William R. Fite, Bunker Hill UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.

A-2837. Administrative Board, First UMC, Pat Williams, Secretary, Rockford, OH.

A-2838. Dorothy M. Johnson, St. Paul UMC, Brighton, IL.

A-2839. Administrative Board, Fairmont UMC, Lee Woodburn, Chairman, Fairmont, WV.

A-2840. Administrative Board, First UMC, Members, Versailles, KY.

A-2841. Ann B. Zarder, Calvary UMC, Milwaukee, WI.

A-2842. Calvin Karr, First UMC, Sinton, TX.

A-2843. Administrative Board, Convoy UMC, Warren L. Reed plus 32 Members, Convoy, OH.

A-2844. Mr. Charles V. Dunnam, Northwest Texas Conference.

A-2845. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Maurice Webb, Chairman, Rochester, MN.

A-2846. UMYF, St. Mark UMC, Mark Mang, Pres., McAllen, TX.

A-2847. Administrative Board, First UMC, Phillip C. Dibrell, Pastor, Sabinal, TX.

A-2848. Administrative Board, Vici UMC, Mildred Johnson, plus 27, Pres., Vici, OK.

A-2849. Administrative Board, Clay Center Emmanuel UMC, Raymond J. Anderson, Chairman, Clay Center, NB.

A-2850. UMYF, First UMC, John Graham, Pres., Lovington, NM.

A-2851. James W. Burner, plus 31, Central UMC, Evansville, IN.

A-2852. Jack T. Miller, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-2853. Administrative Board, East Corinth UMC, Neil F. Crane, Chairman, East Corinth, ME.

A-2854. Administrative Board, Rockland UMC, Connie Boyd, Secy., Belpre, OH.

A-2855. B. G. Slone, Effingham UMC, Effingham, IL.

A-2856. James R. Heaney, Southern Illinois Conference.

A-2857. Administrative Board, Pleasant Grove UMC, William Breeden, Chairperson, Chillicothe, MO.

A-2858. John A. Mason, Barboursville UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2859. Mrs. William Heidilberger plus 15, Marvell UMC, Marvell, AR.

A-2860. Pauline Swaisgood, Trinity UMC, Polk, OH.

A-2861. Administrative Board, Widener UMC, Mrs. Ernest Stough, Secy., Widener, AR.

A-2862. Gregg L. Reinhardt, Bison UMC, Bison, KS.

A-2863. Administrative Board, Trinway UMC, Sheldon Sproull, Chairman, Trinway, OH.

A-2864. Prayer and Bible Study Group, First UMC, plus 18, Columbus, KS.

A-2865. Jeanne A. Mathewson, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.

A-2866. Administrative Board, First UMC, Lester Buck, Chairman, Bishop, CA.

A-2867. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Harry D. Napper, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

A-2868. Administrative Board, First UMC, Rev. Fred H. Brown, plus 26, Minister, Kenedy, TX.

A-2869. Administrative Board, First UMC, Ruth Ann Williams, Secy., Columbia, PA.

A-2870. Carl W. Carrier, plus 18, Weskan UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.

A-2871. Administrative Board, Good Hope UMC, Donald E. Bowdle, Chairman, Good Hope, OH.

A-2872. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dorman, Elmwood West UMC, Abilene, TX.
A-2873. Mrs. Gladys S. Smith, First UMC, Newport News, VA.
A-2874. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Keith M. Hagenbuck, Chairman, Wesleyville, PA.
A-2875. Pauline Sunden, Christ UMC, Columbus, OH.
A-2876. Evangelism Commission, Clough UMC, Roger P. Henize, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-2877. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Gerald Nipp, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.
A-2878. Laywomen of Paradise Hills UMC and Central UMC, Lee Cook plus 19, Member, Albuquerque, NM.
A-2879. UMM, Rockland UMC, Daniel R. Swick, Secy., Belpre, OH.
A-2880. UMW, East Ave. UMC, Mrs. Charles Wantz, Secy., York, NB.
A-2881. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Dr. Clyde M. Roberts, Lay Leader and C.O.M. Chairman, San Angelo, TX.
A-2882. Madge Craig, First UMC, Corbin, KY.
A-2883. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Dr. Clyde M. Roberts, Lay Leader and C.O.M. Chairman, San Angelo, TX.
A-2884. UMW, Good Shepherd UMC, Mrs. William Brown, Pres., Akron, OH.
A-2885. Administrative Board, Mary Branan Memorial UMC, Marvin C. Cowan, Chairman, Atlanta, GA.
A-2886. Louise Lynd, Wilson UMC, Bishopville, MD.
A-2887. Madge Craig, First UMC, Corbin, KY.
A-2888. John Francis Morgan, First UMC, DeSoto, MO.
A-2889. Mrs. George J. Heyde, Central UMC, Milbank, SD.
A-2890. Administrative Board, Zionsville UMC, Robert Humphrey, Chairman, Zionsville, IN.
A-2891. Jane M. Ashe, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.
A-2892. Roy D. Eddy plus 18, New Rumley UMC, Jewett, OH.
A-2893. Harold and Fannie Ruth, Appleton UMC, Appleton, WI.
A-2894. Robert A. Mitchell, Christ View UMC, Henrietta, NY.
A-2895. R. L. Bell, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.
A-2896. Mr. and Mrs. Dee C. Jennings, St. Mark UMC, McAllen, TX.
A-2897. Harold M. Schreiner, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.
A-2898. Administrative Board, Jackson UMC, Story M. Cooly, Chairman, Jackson, OH.
A-2899. Young Adult Church School Class plus 27, First UMC, Charolyn Miles, Member, Kennett, MO.
A-2900. Administrative Board, Huntington UMC, Raymond E. Ransbottom, Chairman, Huntington, WV.
A-2901. Administrative Board, First UMC, Lyle Poots, Chairman, Westmont, NJ.
A-2902. Administrative Board, Art UMC, Howard J. Johnson, Pastor, Art, TX.
A-2903. Administrative Board, Davisburg UMC, John R. Clark, Chairperson, Davisburg, MI.
A-2904. UMYF, St. Mark UMC, Mark Mang, Pres., McAllen, TX.
A-2905. Council on Ministries, Browns Mills UMC, June Kraus, Chairperson, Browns Mills, NJ.
A-2906. Administrative Board, UMC, Frederick Eckhardt, Chairperson, Browns Mills, NJ.
A-2907. Administrative Board, Sutton Salem UMC, Virginia Bergen plus 9, Chairperson, Sutton, NB.
A-2908. Administrative Board, Sutton Salem UMC, Virginia Bergen plus 9, Chairperson, Sutton, NB.

A-2909. Mrs. Mark Kennedy plus 9, First UMC, Lovington, NM.

A-2910. Administrative Board, St. George's UMC, Paul Elliott, Chairperson, Delmar, DE.

A-2911. Carol L. Koehler, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-2912. Administrative Board, Ellinwood UMC, Sam C. Stitt, Chairman, Ellinwood, KS.

A-2913. Mrs. Roy H. Knott, Eunice UMC, Eunice, NM.

A-2914. UMM, Victory UMC, Donald Hughes, Pres., Guymon, OK.

A-2915. Roy L. Gardner, South Georgia Conference.

A-2916. Jesse M. Mothersbaugh, Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

A-2917. Flora Hall plus 9, Cuba, MO.

A-2918. Administrative Board, Victory Memorial UMC, Gerald T. Van Nort, Chairman, Guymon, OK.

A-2919. Council on Ministries, Wesley UMC, Don E. Patton, Chairman, Marion, OH.

A-2920. Martha K. Fry, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-2921. UMW, North Highlands UMC, Beverly Ritchie, Secy., Shreveport, LA.

A-2922. Gladys Wentling, Justus UMC, Brewster, OH.

A-2923. Council on Ministries, Lodi UMC, Betty J. Rom, Chairman, Lodi, OH.

A-2924. Florence Blair, Phillips UMC, Phillips, TX.

A-2925. Janet S. Zimmerman, Forest Hill UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.

A-2926. Yellowstone Annual Conference, James E. Dickinson, Secy., Buffalo, WY.

A-2927. Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Eunice UMC, Eunice, NM.

A-2928. Administrative Board, Henning UMC, Dorothy Perkins, Secy., Sulphur, LA.

A-2929. Administrative Board, Mt. Pisgah UMC, David O. Edwards, Chairman, Alabama-West Florida Conf.

A-2930. Cecilia Odeli Pearson, First UMC, Lawrence, KS.

A-2931. UMW, North Highlands UMC, Beverly Ritchie, Secy., Shreveport, LA.

A-2932. UMM, Good Hope UMC, Garry Keaton, Chairman, Good Hope, OH.

A-2933. Daniel H. Tueker plus 47, McKendree UMC, Kevil, KY.

A-2934. Mrs. H. S. Seabrook, First UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.

A-2935. Administrative Board, Lake Ave. UMC, Thomas D. Orr, Chairman, Ashtabula, OH.

A-2936. Senior Christians Fellowship, Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Miss Geraldine M. Schieller, Pres., Akron, OH.

A-2937. Dean and Clelus Morse, Aldersgate UMC, Marion IL.

A-2938. Mrs. Evan Hunzelman, Galena UMC, Galena, IL.

A-2939. Paul E. Ertel, Pekin UMC, Pekin, IL.

A-2940. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Gerald Nipp, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

A-2941. Administrative Board, First UMC, James E. Lange, Chairman, Steelton, PA.

A-2942. Administrative Board, First UMC, Patsy Miller, Secy., Arlington, TX.

A-2943. Margret Pruett plus 28, Ada UMC, Barnard, KS.

A-2944. Council on Ministries, St. Marks UMC, Henry S. Brigstock, Chairman, Petersburg, VA.

A-2945. Dorothy M. Clark, Basic UMC, Waynesboro, VA.

A-2946. Mrs. Byron Ireland, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

A-2947. Administrative Board, Curtis Memorial UMC, Charles C. Jorden, Chairman, Dothan, AL.

A-2948. Administrative Board, St. Luke's UMC, James T. Jorsythe, Chairman, New Orleans, LA.

A-2949. Administrative Board, First UMC, J. C. Autry, Jr., Chairman, Crowell, TX.

A-2950. Pauline M. Swaisgood, Trinity UMC, Polk, OH.

A-2951. David P. Carroll, Florence UMC, Elsmere, KY.

A-2952. Oliver J. and Arlene M. Hem, Oswego Prairie UMC, Aurora, IL.

A-2953. Administrative Board, Haws Ave. UMC, Thomas Cassey, Secy., Norristown, PA.

A-2954. George Jarman plus 17, Bishopville UMC, Bishopville, MD.

A-2955. Administrative Board, Prairie Chapel UMC, Mrs. Robert D. Clifton plus 8, Members, Farmer City, IL.

A-2956. William W. Morrison, North Dakota Conference.

A-2957. Rev. David A. Passet, Wisconsin Conference.

A-2958. Administrative Board, Coffeeville UMC, Minnis M. Jones, Chairperson, Coffeeville, KS.

A-2959. Council on Ministries, Pasco First UMC, Fred A. Warren, Chairman, Pasco, WA.

A-2960. Administrative Board, Ilion First UMC, William B. Higdon, Chairman, Ilion, NY.

A-2961. Norman E. Douglas, Northern New York Conference.

A-2962. Mrs. T. J. Moore, Water Valley, KY.

A-2963. Administrative Board, Detroit UMC, Gary Yocum, Chairman, Abilene, KS.

A-2964. Administrative Board, Zion UMC, Henry W. King, Chairman, Dividing Creek, NJ.

A-2965. Paul Greschel plus 15, Groesbeck UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-2966. Administrative Board, Marietta UMC, J. T. Cohernour, Chairman, Marietta, OH.

A-2967. Administrative Board, St. James UMC, David M. Webster, Minister, St. James, MO.

A-2968. Halliri D. Gelson, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-2969. Steven Reining plus 4, Forsyth UMC, Decatur, IL.

A-2970. Administrative Board, Parfreyville UMC, Edna M. Schmidt, Chairman, Waupaca, WI.

A-2971. Administrative Board, Evangelical UMC, John Wargo, Chairman, Racine, WI.

A-2972. Administrative Board, Moore's Chapel UMC, Evelyn Logan, Secretary, Lewisville, PA.

A-2973. Administrative Board, St. John's UMC, Mae Dawson, Secy., Lewisville, PA.

A-2974. Myrtle B. Hickman plus 11, Bishopville UMC, Bishopville, MD.

A-2975. Mrs. A. D. Conner, Mountain Home UMC, Mountain Home, AR.

A-2976. Administrative Board, First UMC, Robert F. Jackman, Chairman, Hillsville, VA.

A-2977. Mrs. George Heister, First UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.

A-2978. Burrell M. Ketcheraid, Holston Conference.

A-2979. Jan Zeigler, St Marks UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-2980. William L. Zeigler, St Marks UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-2981. Administrative Board, Mt. Zion UMC, Joe H. Bodine, Chairman, Wilmore, KY.

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A-2983. Martha K. Fry, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-2984. Council On Ministries, Lodi UMC, Betty J. Rom, Chairman, Lodi, OH.

A-2985. Administrative Board, Evangelical UMC, John Wargo, Chairman, Racine, WI.

A-2986. Administrative Board, Trinway UMC, Sheldon Sproull, Chairman, Trinway, OH.

A-2987. Thirty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2988. Ten identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2989. Ten identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2990. Twelve identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-2991. Administrative Board, Colly Memorial UMC, Vic Scott, Pres., Eagle Lake, TX.

A-2992. Frances Virginia Frank, St. Matthews UMC, Belleville, IL.

A-2993. J. E. Frank, St. Matthews UMC, Belleville, IL.

A-2994. Administrative Board, Central City UMC, Russell G. Miller, Chairperson, Shanksville, PA.

A-2995. Administrative Board, First UMC, Mr. William Lee, Chairman, Port Norris, NJ.

A-2996. UMW, Friendship UMC, Hilda Eisenbrey, Pres., Monroeville, NJ.

A-2997. Administrative Board, Jonesboro UMC, Joe E. Boyd, Chairman, Anna, IL.

A-2998. Jack T. Miller, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-2999. Mr. and Mrs. Randon B. Ely, Tye UMC, Abilene, TX.

A-3000. Administrative Board, Zion UMC, Bucyrus, OH.

A-3001. Council On Ministries, Garfield UMC, Don Smith, plus 26 members, Chairman, Arnold, NB.

A-3002. UMW, Asbury UMC, Evelyn C. Barry, Pres., Ardmore, OK.

A-3003. Administrative Board, Asbury UMC, Ralph Ford, Chairman, Ardmore, OK.

A-3004. Wanda Hopkins, Ashboro UMC, Center Point, IN.

A-3005. UMW, Victory Memorial UMC, Betty McMurry, Pres., Guymon, OK.

A-3006. Administrative Board, St. George's UMC, Paul Elliott, Chairperson, Delmar, DE.

A-3007. Administrative Board, St. George's UMC, Paul Elliott, Chairperson, Delmar, DE.

A-3008. Administrative Board, St. George's UMC, Paul Elliott, Chairperson, Delmar, DE.

A-3009. Jesse M. Mothersbaugh, Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

A-3010. UMM, Victory Memorial UMC, Donald Hughes, Pres., Guymon, OK.

A-3011. Administrative Board, First UMC, Clarence Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.

A-3012. Gilbert H. Stannard, Wesley UMC, Manitowoc, WI.

A-3013. Administrative Board, Vici UMC, Stanley Seal, plus 11 members, Chairman, Vici, OK.

A-3014. Rev. Clyde Bradway, Southern New Jersey Annual Conference.

A-3015. Administrative Board, Franklinville UMC, Clyde Bradway, Pastor, Franklinville, NJ.

A-3016. Bob Overmitler, plus 35 members, Thronburg UMC, Smith Center, KS.

A-3017. Garnette Bragg, Kingsley UMC, Proctorville, OH.

A-3018. Administrative Board, Oakland UMC, Melvin W. Bledsaul, Chairman, Galax, VA.

A-3019. Clifford J. Forderhase, Christy UMC, St Louis, MO.

A-3020. Administrative Board, First UMC, Richard Arndt, Chairman, Skiatook, OK.

A-3021. Administrative Board, Art UMC, Howard J. Johnson, Pastor, Art, TX.

A-3022. Mrs. Ruth Gardner, Eunice, NM.

A-3023. Kyle Siebert, plus 19 members, Sharon Springs UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.

A-3024. Fred Duphorne, plus 13 members, Sharon Springs UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.

A-3025. Mrs. Agatha M. Young, First UMC, Eunice, NM.

A-3026. Helen Elizabeth Shroyer, Fellowship UMC, Augusta, MI.

A-3027. Administrative Board, Dayton UMC, Bradley J. Wickes, Chairperson, Dayton, IN.

A-3028. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Gerald R. Stephens, Chairperson, LaGrange Park, IL.

A-3029. Mrs. Bettye B. Smith, DeWitt UMC, DeWitt, AR.

A-3030. Mrs. Helen K. Mize, Bunker Hill UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.

A-3031. Aline Garot Black, First UMC, DeWitt, AR.

A-3032. Mrs. J. Clyde Hord, First UMC, DeWitt, AR.

A-3033. Grace E. Miller, Trinity UMC, Eau Claire, WI.

A-3034. John and Joan Siegroth, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3035. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3036. Todd J. Miller, Brown Deer UMC, Brown Deer, WI.

A-3037. Forty-nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3038. Fifteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3039. Mrs. Eugenia Bock, Shumway UMC, Shumway, IL.

A-3040. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, Leander UMC, William M. Huggins, Chairman, Leander, TX.

A-3041. Administrative Board, McAllen UMC, Mr. John P. Riggs, Chairman, McAllen, TX.

A-3042. Support Human Sexuality Study. National UM Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Coordinator, Urbana, IL.

Petitions A-3043 through A-3208 have been entitled "Retain Present Statement on Human Sexuality in Par. 72C." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-3043. Mrs. Gene O. Gerdt, Bunker Hill UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.

A-3044. Robert B. Ramsey, First UMC, El Segundo, CA.

A-3045. Forty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3046. One hundred twenty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3047. Administrative Board, Vine St. UMC, Alliance, OH.

A-3048. Council On Ministries, Laurel Spring Grove UMC, Margaret Spurgeon, Chairman, New Richmond, OH.

A-3049. Judith Ann Barton, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3050. Administrative Board, North Clairemont UMC, C. G. Paye, Chairman, San Diego, CA.

A-3051. Council on Ministries, Granville UMC, Leo Nedwed, Chairperson, Chicago, IL.

A-3052. Kenneth Rose, Poltee UMC, Poltee, NB.

A-3053. Administrative Board, Main Ave. UMC, Judith Emerson, Chairman, Byesville, OH.

A-3054. Administrative Board, Elam UMC, Merrill Granes, plus 36 members, Pastor, Glen Mills, PA.

A-3055. Administrative Board, Westside UMC, Louie Hendrix, Chairman, Geneva, AL.

A-3056. Administrative Board, Dunn Loring UMC, Frederick Cox, Chairman, Dunn Loring, VA.

A-3057. Administrative Board, Los Fresnos UMC, John G. Woody, Pastor, Los Fresnos, TX.

A-3058. Administrative Board, Dunn Loring UMC, Frederick Cox, Chairman, Dunn Loring, VA.

A-3059. C. T. Harwood, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3060. Administrative Board, Weedman UMC, Dona Howe, Member, Farmer City, IL.

A-3061. Mr. James F. Feffey, plus one, Liberty Chapel UMC, Bucyrus, OH.

A-3062. Frank I. Diehl, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3063. Kenneth E. Bissey, Southern Illinois Conference.

A-3064. Joyce M. Tweed, Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3065. Mrs. Elmer Mahoney, Dellroy UMC, Dellroy, OH.

A-3066. Margie Quilling, Iron Creek Salem UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-3067. Council On Ministries, First UMC, Dwayne Davis, Chairman, Hope, ND.

A-3068. Administrative Board, South UMC, Charles O. Stiehl, Chairman, Grand Rapids, MI.

A-3069. Mary M. Fowls, plus 102, First UMC, Elyria, OH.

A-3070. UMW, Iuka UMC, Zenith Dodson, Member, Iuka, KS.

A-3071. Administrative Board, Nixon UMC, Mrs. Wanda O. Mills, Secy.-Treas., Nixon, TX.

A-3072. Eleven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3073. Mary M. Fowls, plus 102, First UMC, Elyria, OH.

A-3074. Mary M. Fowls, plus 99, First UMC, Elyria, OH.

A-3075. Mrs. Ethel L. Kimbel, Madison UMC, Forrest City, AR.

A-3076. Administrative Board, Park UMC, Dale Crawford, Chairman, Madison, OH.

A-3077. Administrative Board, First UMC, R. F. Gunkelman, Jr., Vice-Chairperson, Fargo, ND.

A-3078. Cynthia E. Fuester, First UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.

A-3079. Mrs. Iva Fields, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.

A-3080. Mrs. Laverne Owensby, New Hope UMC, Martin, TN.

A-3081. Council on Ministries, Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC, Edward W. Diefenbach, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3082. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, Kingswood UMC, Roy Lee Johnson, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

A-3083. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Robert E. Keith, M.D., Chairman, Church Hill, TN.

A-3084. Philip M. Niblack, Missouri East Conference.

A-3085. Administrative Board, McAllen UMC, Mr. John P. Riggs, Chairman, McAllen, TX.

A-3086. Wednesday Evening Prayer Group, Peck UMC, Joe E. Walton, Lay Leader, Peck, KS.

A-3087. Mrs. Thelma Agnew, Weskan UMC, Weskan, KS.

A-3088. Martha E. Van Metu, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3089. Rita Kirkhan, plus eleven, Sharon Springs UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.

A-3090. Charles G. Polley, Calvary UMC, Greenville, PA.

A-3091. Wilmington District-UMW officers, Springboro UMC, Sharon Wilson plus 11 Members, Wilmington, OH.

A-3092. Mrs. Faye Howard, Church of the Cross UMC, Kettering, OH.

A-3093. Administrative Board, Macy UMC, Rev. James O'Dell, Macy, IN.

A-3094. Administrative Board, First UMC, Bishop Alsie H. Carleton, Bishop Sudan, TX.

A-3095. Administrative Board, Clarence Center UMC, Robert H. Groll, Pres., Clarence Center, NY.

A-3096. Administrative Board, First UMC, W. T. Johnson, Chairman, Hamlin, TX.

A-3097. Emma A. Lindeman, Glen Ridge UMC, Glen Ridge, NJ.

A-3098. Sallie Nugent, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3099. Earnest A. Hooper, plus 20, Sharon Springs UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.

A-3100. UMW, St. Mark UMC, Mrs. R. E. Parry, Pres., McAllen, TX.

A-3101. Administrative Board, First UMC, W. T. Johnson, Chairman, Hamlin, TX.

A-3102. Robert Wheeler, plus 20, McKendree UMC, Franklin, KY.

A-3103. Administrative Board, Palm Heights UMC, Don L. Delaplain, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-3104. Administrative Board, Faith UMC, Don L. Delaplain, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

A-3105. Administrative Board, Palm Heights UMC, Don L. Delaplain, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-3106. Eleanor Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-3107. Mrs. E. S. Kaker, Eunice UMC, Eunice, NM.

A-3108. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenly, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

A-3109. Administrative Board, First UMC, Kenneth Crawford, Chairman, San Augustine, TX.

A-3110. Youth Class, Waldorf UMC, Bobby Russell, Teacher, Waldorf, MD.

A-3111. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenk, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

A-3112. Joint Council on Ministries, Page Hope Finley UMC, Dwayne Davis, Chairman, Hope, ND.

A-3113. Administrative Board, Rountree UMC, Mrs. Loren Bandy, Chairperson, Hillsboro, IL.

A-3114. Administrative Board, Edinburg UMC, Wayne Short, Chairman, Edinburg, VA.

A-3115. C.O.M., First UMC, William C. Snowball, Minister, Ravenna, OH.

A-3116. Sam E. Leidig, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-3117. Ella Quandt, First UMC, DeWitt, AR.

A-3118. J. Dale Johnson plus one, First UMC, Anna, IL.

A-3119. Velma Luttrell, Aldersgate UMC, Lexington, KY.

A-3120. Administrative Board, Beechwood UMC, Karen Pugh, Secy., Alliance, OH.

A-3121. Administrative Board, Hebbronville UMC, Don Meyer, Chairman, Hebbronville, TX.

A-3122. Administrative Board, Cleves UMC, Leroy Kessens, Pres., Cleves, OH.

A-3123. Administrative Board, Cleves UMC, Leroy Kessens, Pres., Cleves, OH.

A-3124. Lucy Brock, Fox Hill Central Peninsula UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-3125. James Markle, Pine Grove UMC, Winchester, VA.

A-3126. Joan L. Winn, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-3127. Debbie L. Hendricks, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-3128. Betty B. Hendricks, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-3129. Mr. and Mrs. H. Byrd Tetes, Franklin UMC, Lonklin, WV.

A-3130. Lily Angle, Dellrose UMC, Wichita, KS.

A-3131. Conrad B. Link, University UMC, Hyattsville, MD.

A-3132. Administrative Board, Thornville UMC, David W. Detroiler, Chairman, Thornville, OH.

A-3133. Christian Social Concerns, First UMC, Mrs. Lou Dalrymple, Chairperson, Toccoa, GA.

A-3134. Administrative Board and C.O.M., Orchard UMC, David S. G. Willats, Chairperson, Orchard, NB.

A-3135. Administrative Board, First UMC, R. F. Gunkelman, Jr., Vice-Chairperson, Fargo, ND.

A-3136. Walter E. Fuester, First UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.

A-3137. John A. Mason, West Virginia Annual Conference.

A-3138. Clarence B. Wildes plus one, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-3139. C.O.M., Leander UMC, William M. Huggins, Chairman, Leander, TX.

A-3140. Administrative Board, Hopewell UMC, Wesley Mettys, Chairman, Thornville, OH.

A-3141. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Robert Sanborn, Chairman, Tulsa, OK.

A-3142. Administrative Board, Humboldt UMC, Humboldt, KS.

A-3143. Administrative Board, Asbury UMC, Lloyd A. Murray, Chairman, Little Rock, AR.

A-3144. Administrative Board, Levelland UMC, J. L. Donnelly, Chairman, Levelland, TX.

A-3145. Dr. Larry Green, Greenville UMC, Greenville, MI.

A-3146. Administrative Board, Los Fresnos UMC, John G. Woody, Pastor, Los Fresnos, TX.

A-3147. Lawrence D. Temple, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3148. Lois Butts plus 20, Jasper UMC, Jasper, AR.

A-3149. Administrative Board, Payne UMC, Mary L. Neff, Secy., Payne, OH.

A-3150. Norwalk District, East Ohio Conference, Harold M. Smeltz plus ten Members, Willard UMC, Willard, OH.

A-3151. F. Roderick Randolph, North Carolina Conference.

A-3152. Bertha Baker, Mt. Vernon UMC, Wichita, KS.

A-3153. Administrative Board, St. Andrew UMC, James D. Paxton, Chairman, Columbus, OH.

A-3154. Harold F. Turk, Southern New Jersey Conference.

A-3155. Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Casa Linda UMC, Harry Mansfield, Member, Dallas, TX.

A-3156. United Methodist Women and Molly Burgaw Bible Class, Burgaw UMC, Mrs. Eleanor W. Casey, Committee Chairperson, Burgaw, NC.

A-3157. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Robert Price, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

A-3158. Miss Doris E. Howe, Sidney UMC, Sidney, NY.

A-3159. Nineteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3160. Prayer and Bible Study Group, First UMC, Hazel Van Duker plus 19, Member, Columbus, KS.

A-3161. Florence Blair, Phillips UMC, Phillips, TX.

A-3162. Administrative Board, Pleasant Retreat UMC, Erby Eikner, Chairman, Tyler, TX.

A-3163. Ethel M. Payne and Fred Payne, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3164. Administrative Board, First UMC, Rev. Fred H. Brown, Minister, Kenedy, TX.

A-3165. UMW, Taos UMC, Judy Romero, President, Taos, NM.

A-3166. Members of the Lake UMC, Chippewa Lake, OH.

A-3167. Florence Blair, Phillips UMC, Phillips, TX.

A-3168. Administrative Board, Faith UMC, Don L. Delaplain, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

A-3169. UMM, Good Hope UMC, Garry Keaton, Chairman, Good Hope, OH.

A-3170. Mary R. Burnham plus 21, Atlantic UMC, No. Quincy, MA.

A-3171. Heminger Church School Class, First UMC, Loren Amerine plus 21, Member, Great Bend, KS.

A-3172. Administrative Board, Frances Childs UMC, Edward C. Rabon, Chairman, West Collingswood, NJ.

A-3173. Administrative Board, Pleasant Valley UMC, Jim Downs, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

A-3174. UMW, Faith UMC, Marilyn E. Bell plus 29, Member, Barker, NY.

A-3175. You Are Welcome Church School Class, First UMC, Lorrayne Eveleigh plus 36, Member, Great Bend, KS.

A-3176. Michael E. Richerson and Roberta Richerson, University UMC, Wichita, KS.

A-3177. United Methodist Women, First UMC, Nadine Amerine plus 16, Pres., Great Bend, KS.

A-3178. Gleaners Sunday School Class, First UMC, Della Pierce plus 38, Pres., Great Bend, KS.

A-3179. Administrative Board, First UMC, Charles Fred Spiekerman, Jr., Chairman, Odem, TX.

A-3180. Administrative Board, First UMC, Charles Fred Spiekerman, Jr., Chairman, Odem, TX.

A-3181. Administrative Board, Paradise Hills UMC, Ronald E. Brown plus 9, Chairman, Albuquerque, NM.

A-3182. Administrative Board, Mt. Zion UMC, Joe H. Boeline, Chairman, Wilmore, KY.

A-3183. Administrative Board, First UMC, Lee Chambers, Chairman, Carrollton, TX.

A-3184. Loren W. Morlan, Sebring UMC, Sebring, OH.

A-3185. Mrs. Martha Adams, First UMC, De Witt, AR.

A-3186. James C. Stratton, Kentucky Conference.

A-3187. Harold R. Ponseller, Payne UMC, Payne, OH.

A-3188. Administrative Board, St. Johns UMC, Maxine Huffman, Secy., Watsontown, PA.

A-3189. Walter G. Sunden, Christ UMC, Columbus, OH.

A-3190. Forty-eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3191. Sixty identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3192. Thirty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3193. Fifty-three identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3194. Thirty-eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3195. Nineteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3196. Twenty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3197. Eighteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3198. Seventeen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3199. Twenty-two identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3200. Thirty-eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3201. Ten identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3202. Eighteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3203. Five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3204. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3205. Seventeen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3206. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3207. Eighteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3208. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3209. Oppose Homosexual Marriage. South Georgia Conference Delegation, C. W. Hancock, Secy., Macon, GA.

Petitions A-3210 and A-3211 have been entitled "Retain Present Statement on Human Sexuality in Par. 72C." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-3210. Administrative Board, Ward Memorial UMC, Marvin Philippus, Chairman, Austin, TX.

A-3211. Administrative Board, Loveland UMC, Elvin M. Coomley, Chairman, Loveland, OH.

Petitions A-3212 through A-3322 have been entitled "Oppose Study on Human Sexuality." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-3212. Shirley Milner, Southern Illinois Annual Conference.

A-3213. Robert C. Pugh, Kentucky Annual Conference.

A-3214. Mrs. Mark Kennedy, plus 8 others, Lovington, UMC, Lovington, NM.

A-3215. Phyllis C. Shults, Pine Bluff UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.

A-3216. UMYF, John Graham, Pres., Lovington, NM.

A-3217. Marie Spray, plus 20 others, Convis Union UMC, Battle Creek, MI.

A-3218. S. J. Walker, UMC, Fulton, KY.

A-3219. Ruth Circle of UMW, Mrs. Joe Davidson, Chairman, Delphos, KS.

A-3220. Mrs. Dedria R. Wilson, Paradise Hills UMC, Albuquerque, NM.

A-3221. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halman, UMC, Union City, TN.

A-3222. Aileen Seeman, plus 18 others, Fairmount UMC, Basehor, KS.

A-3223. Administrative Board, Janet A. Trade, Chairman, Elkhorn, WI.

A-3224. Josephine D. Rowlands, Parfreyville UMC, Waupaca, WI.

A-3225. Administrative Board, Olen B. Watts, Pres., Milton, PA.

A-3226. Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Herrmann, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

A-3227. Shirley Heintzilman, White Springs UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.

A-3228. Administrative Board, Harman W. Denten, Chairman, Marion, OH.

A-3229. Administrative Board, Robert C. Pelle, Vice-Chairman, Wilmington, OH.

A-3230. Michael Hartwell, UMC, Gueydan, LA.

A-3231. Mr. and Mrs Percy Veatch, UMC, Fulton, KY.

A-3232. Harold O. Neff, plus 20 others, Freeburg UMC, Freeburg, PA.

A-3233. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pearson, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

A-3234. Susie W. Morgan, Twin City UMC, Twin City, GA.

A-3235. Mrs. Phyllis Harter, UMC, Browns Mills, NJ.

A-3236. Lynnett C. Dasch, Arnolia UMC, Lutherville, MD.

A-3237. Council on Ministries, Arnold Wofen, Chairperson, Hot Springs National Park, AR.

A-3238. Mrs. Louise W. Harwood, UMC, Haddon Heights, NJ.

A-3239. Howard L. Lydick, UMC, Richardson, TX.

A-3240. David A. McElroy, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph Township, NJ.

A-3241. Mrs. William S. Cox, Stephenson Memorial UMC, Taylors, SC.

A-3242. Louis J. Schafer, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3243. Mrs. Larry J. Braussard, UMC of Gueydan, Gueydan, LA.

A-3244. Eleanor W. Pinkerton, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.

A-3245. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jones, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-3246. Mrs. Hugo Jelden, Calvary UMC, Ames, IA.

A-3247. Administrative Board, First UMC of Butler, Sandra S. Roberts, Chairperson, Butler, AL.

A-3248. Mrs. Kermit E. Griffith, Cambridge UMC, Cambridge, IA.

A-3249. Karl L. Crowe, Virginia Annual Conference.

A-3250. Mrs. A. L. Brown, Twin City UMC, Twin City, GA.

A-3251. Administrative Board, First UMC, R. S. Whitworth, Chairman, Eustis, FL.

A-3252. Mrs. Lois Wattles, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-3253. Council on Ministries, James Short, Sr., Chairman, Flat Rock, MI.

A-3254. Beulah Richcreek, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

A-3255. Mary Frank, Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3256. Joseph L. Riley, Calvary UMC, Ames, IA.

A-3257. Administrative Board, Rhonda Seacrest, Chairman, North Platte, NB.

A-3258. Adult Fellowship Class, Ogden Membert, UMC, Thomas Lacey, Vice-Pres., Princeton, KY.

A-3259. Lillian M. Maulbby, plus two others, UMC, Temple, TX.

A-3260. Administrative Board, First UMC, Rev. Otto Lund, Pastor, Junction, TX.

A-3261. Ray D. Eddy, plus 18 others, New Rumley EUB Methodist Church, Bowerston, OH.

A-3262. Nineteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3263. Six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3264. Eighty-five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3265. Five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3266. Mary Ann Sample, plus 157 others, Bristol UMC, Bristol, IN.

A-3267. Twenty-two identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3268. Thirteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3269. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3270. Administrative Board, Mt. Fern UMC, Virginia Dench, Chairperson, Randolph, NJ.

A-3271. John T. Pattilo, Orlando UMC, Orlando, FL.

A-3272. Administrative Board, Ruth Bremer, Chairperson, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3273. Mr. Neilon Ely, Elmwood West UMC, Abilene, TX.
A-3274. Roger P. Henize, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3275. Administrative Board, Ralph R. Oliver, Jr., Chairman, Burden, KS.
A-3276. Administrative Board, Frank E. Klick, Chairman, Navarre, OH.
A-3277. Administrative Board, Clinton Bistline, Lay Leader, Abilene, KS.
A-3278. Administrative Board, Marathon UMC, Earl Pride, Chairman, Marathon, OH.
A-3279. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bitts, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.
A-3280. Lorraine Henning, Christ UMC, Columbus, OH.
A-3281. Neta Poland, plus 32 others, Ebenezer UMC, Lyons, KS.
A-3282. Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC, Ralph F. Minning, Pres., Cincinnati, OH.
A-3283. Cynthia L. Ulevich, Bethany UMC, Middleton, WI.
A-3284. Evangelism Commission, Roger P. Henize, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3285. Leonard G. Johnson, Wesley Park UMC, Wyoming, MI.
A-3286. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hair, Gueydan UMC, Gueydan, LA.
A-3287. Katherine H. Chalk, First UMC, Moorhead City, NC.
A-3288. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Moore, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-3289. Margaret Pruitt, plus 28 others, Ada UMC, Barnard, KS.
A-3290. F. Inex Lear, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3291. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kennedy, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3292. Mrs. Shirley Boyd, plus 14 others, UMC, Irondale, OH.
A-3293. Administrative Board, Minnis M. Johen, Chairman, Coffeyville, KS.
A-3294. Martha B. Hart, St. Paul's UMC, Brighton, IL.
A-3295. Mrs. Thelma Agnew, plus seven others, Weskan UMC, Weskan, KS.
A-3296. Mrs. Neil Eastman, plus one other, Parfreyville UMC, Waupaca, WI.
A-3297. Vera E. Holmes, First UMC, Glenwood Springs, CO.
A-3298. Administrative Board, Humboldt UMC, Humboldt, KS.
A-3299. Laurence D. Temple, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3300. Administrative Board, Donald B. Dahl, Chairperson, New Market, IN.
A-3301. Council on Ministries, Edward W. Diefenbach, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3302. Robert and Myrtle Beck, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3303. Searchers Adult Sunday School Class, Asbury UMC, Jeannine Boyle, Secy., Wichita, KS.
A-3304. UMC Women's Wednesday Bible Study Class, Susan Harrison, Secy., Wichita, KS.
A-3305. Mrs. Bertha F. Kramer, St. John UMC, Brighton, IL.
A-3306. Janet Heliker, UMC, Ames, IA.
A-3307. Cassie Malick, UMC, Lexington, KY.
A-3308. Homemakers Class, Mrs. Arthur L. Robb, Pres., Pittsburg, KS.
A-3309. Council on Ministries, Bett Jo Weiser, Chairman, Canal Winchester, OH.
A-3310. Administrative Board, Richard Harvey, Chairman, Reynoldsburg, OH.
A-3311. Rev. Commodore Grove, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-3312. Mrs. Vicki Grove, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-3313. Louise C. Temple, Wood UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3314. Robert A. Mitchell, UMC, Henrietta, NY.
A-3315. J. J. Archer, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.
A-3316. Mrs. Alice Claxton, Bunker Hill UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.
A-3317. Official Board, Ralph Twinner, Chairman, New Rumley, OH.
A-3318. Administrative Board, C. E. Creel, Chairman, Pensacola, FL.

A-3319. Administrative Board, Jack McCallie, Vice-Chairman, Borger, TX.
A-3320. Administrative Board, John Conway, Chairman, Convoy, OH.
A-3321. Conrad B. Link, University UMC, Hyattsville, MD.
A-3322. Mrs. Faye Howard, Cross UMC, Kettering, OH.

Petitions A-3323 through A-3350 are entitled "Oppose Study Commissions on Church and Human Sexuality." They are similar in content, but not identical.

A-3323. Robert E. Goff, Sr., Pineville UMC, Pineville, LA.
A-3324. Janet L. Roberts, Mt. View UMC, Damascus, MD.
A-3325. Administrative Board, Nortonville UMC, Sharon Edwards, Sec., Adrian, ND.
A-3326. Dorothy Alley, Wesley Park UMC, Wyoming, MI.
A-3327. Leon Woody plus 28 others, Ft. Lupton UMC, Lupton, CO.
A-3328. Administrative Board, Versailles UMC, Versailles, KY.
A-3329. Administrative Board, Tulsa UMC, Robert Sanborn, Chairman, Tulsa, OK.
A-3330. Administrative Board, St. Luke's UMC, James T. Forsythe, Chairman, New Orleans, LA.
A-3331. Administrative Board, Dagsboro UMC, Randy Wootten, Chairman, Dagsboro, DE.
A-3332. Janet D. Abrahamson plus one member, Ames UMC, Ames, IA.
A-3333. Daniel R. Swick plus one member, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-3334. Administrative Board, Chapel Hill UMC, Ronald Haas, Chairperson, Chapel Hill, NC.
A-3335. Administrative Board, Bellaire UMC, John Trigg, Chairman, Bellaire, OH.
A-3336. Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Wheeler, Indian River UMC, Titusville, FL.
A-3337. Administrative Board, Oakridge UMC, Ercel Ramey, Chairman, Oakridge, OR.
A-3338. Louise Henize, Cincinnati UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3339. Arthur A. Seibert plus 26 members, West Milton UMC, West Milton, PA.
A-3340. Mrs. J. D. Clarke, Centralia UMC, Centralia, IL.
A-3341. Kent Roper plus two, Athen UMC, Athen, NY.
A-3342. Charge Conference, Coxsackie UMC, Coxsackie, NY.
A-3343. United Methodist Women, Grant Park UMC, Mrs. S. K. Yancey, Pres., Atlanta, GA.
A-3344. United Methodist Women, Great Bend UMC, Dorothy L. Brining plus ten members, Chairman, Great Bend, KS.
A-3345. Council on Ministries, Elkview UMC, Mary A. McClure, Chairperson, Elkview, WV.
A-3346. Administrative Board, Reinhold Bendewald, Chairman, Ashley, ND.
A-3347. Gleaners SSC, Della Pierce, Pres., West Bend, KS.
A-3348. Elsie Jackson plus ten members, Great Bend UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3349. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Brevoort, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3350. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Roy Buckingham, Chairman, Marion, OH.

Petitions A-3351 through A-3425 are out of subject content sequence. They are entitled: "Oppose Creation and Funding of Study."

A-3351. Michael J. Evans, Waynesboro UMC, Waynesboro, Miss.
A-3352. Administrative Board, Uvalde UMC, John Shalhi, Chairman, Uvalde, TX.
A-3353. Administrative Board, San Antonio UMC, San Antonio, TX.
A-3354. Mrs. Olivia Pallester, Centralia UMC, Centralia IL.
A-3355. Elmer Noren plus one, Nortonville UMC, Edgeby, ND.

A-3356. Ruth N. Donohue, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3357. Sam E. Leidig, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-3358. Clarence F. Avey, Southern New England Conference.
A-3359. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Coppedge, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.
A-3360. Betty Runian, Mountain UMC, Mountain Home, AR.
A-3361. Sally Coultrip, Christopher UMC, Christopher, IL.
A-3362. Administrative Board, Ruston UMC, Robert Price, Chairman, Ruston, LA.
A-3363. Pauline Sunden, Christ UMC, Columbus, OH.
A-3364. Harry A. Pierson, Brownsmills UMC, Brownsmills, NJ.
A-3365. Clarence Cimburke, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3366. Mrs. William T. Howlett, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3367. Charles Menough, Justus UMC, Navarre, OH.
A-3368. Doris C. Stahl, Mt. Zion UMC, Canton, OH.
A-3369. Christian Social Involvement, Christ UMC, Florence R. Smith, Sec., Louisville, OH.
A-3370. Wesleyan Circle, Mountain Home UMC, Dorothy F. Rose plus 14 members, Chairman, Mountain Home, AR.
A-3371. United Methodist Women, Massillon UMC, Mrs. Floyd Sears, Mission Coordinator, Massillon, OH.
A-3372. C. Larry Grove, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-3373. Lynn J. and David Dummer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-3374. Administrative Board, Dorena UMC, Raymond V. Shuster, Chairman, Dorena, OR.
A-3375. Coleman Bible Class, Waynesboro UMC, Irwin N. Reeves, Pres., Waynesboro, GA.
A-3376. Mrs. Mabel Sundling, Clay Center UMC, Hastings, NB.
A-3377. William E. Manns, Collingswood First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3378. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie D. Parks, Broken Arrow UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.
A-3379. Mrs. Mildred W. Smith, Cherry Hill UMC, Cherry Hill, N.J.
A-3380. Mrs. R. L. Douthit, Spruce Pine UMC, Spruce Pine, AL.
A-3381. Administrative Board, Canton UMC, Vic Chapman, Chairperson, Canton, OH.
A-3382. Raymond V. Shuster, Dorena UMC, Dorena, OR.
A-3383. Administrative Board, Springville UMC, J.A. Pearson, Chairman, Springville, AL.
A-3384. Richard T. Long, Woods UMC, Chesterfield, VA.
A-3385. Foundation S.C. Chanute UMC, Robert H. Geiger plus ten others, Chanute, KS.
A-3386. Administrative Board, Hot Springs UMC, Sam E. Howard, Chairperson, Hot Springs, AR.
A-3387. Henry G. McDavid, Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3388. UMC Youth Fellowship, Paradise Hills UMC, Leah Mogford, Pres., Corrales, NM.
A-3389. Pat Watkins plus 22 others, Wiggins UMC, Fayetteville, AR.
A-3390. Mrs. Helen Herrmann, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.
A-3391. Linda Johnson plus 29 others, Ridgewood UMC, Parma, OH.
A-3392. Earl D. Owen, North Indiana Conference.
A-3393. Woodrow Lilly, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-3394. Administrative Board, Clyde UMC, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.
A-3395. Mrs. Charles Malcom, Andover UMC, Andover, KS.
A-3396. Administrative Board, Saginaw UMC, Saginaw, MI.
A-3397. Helen Miesse, Columbus UMC, Columbus, OH.

A-3398. Administrative Board, Fargo UMC, R. F. Gunkelman, Vice-Chairperson, Fargo, ND.
A-3399. George A. Wright, Tifton UMC, Tifton, GA.
A-3400. Fred B. Lemmon, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-3401. Bernadine W. Cooke plus 30 others, Chardon UMC, Chardon, OH.
A-3402. Mrs. E. P. Cobb, Erwin UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-3403. Twila M. Swallen, Mt. Tabor UMC, East Canton, OH.
A-3404. Administrative Board, Davisburg UMC, John R. Clark, Chairman, Davisburg, MI.
A-3405. Virgil A. Reedel, Pleasant Ridge UMC, Tiffin, OH.
A-3406. Robert and Myrtle Beck, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3407. Mrs. John A. More, Montclair UMC, Oakland, CA.
A-3408. Mrs. Hazel Shiffer, Trinity UMC, Eau Claire, WI.
A-3409. Dorothy M. Grafenstine, Tabernacle UMC, N. Cape May, N.J.
A-3410. Frances L. Casperson, Cherry Hill UMC, Cherry Hill, NJ.
A-3411. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Lexington, KY.
A-3412. Lawrence D. and Patsy A. Kennedy, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3413. Alton Emmett, Kennard UMC, Greenville, PA.
A-3414. Myrtle S. Duesenberg, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.
A-3415. Lynnette C. Dasch, Arnolia UMC, Lutherville, MD.
A-3416. Leon O. Draeyer plus 22 others, Osceola UMC, Osceola, NB.
A-3417. Administrative Board, Ward Memorial UMC, Marvin Philippus, Chairman, Austin, TX.
A-3418. Administrative Board, Clarksville UMC, Jay Bunting, Chairperson, Clarksville, DE.
A-3419. Rebekah Circle, Belpre UMC, Mrs. John Barnes, Chairperson, Belpre, OH.
A-3420. June B. Phillips, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3421. Jack E. Robbins plus 1 other, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.
A-3422. Administrative Board, Hamilton, UMC, Max Grandey, Chairman, Hamilton, OH.
A-3423. Prayer Group, Owensboro UMC, Debra M. Noble plus 14 others, leader, Owensboro, KY.
A-3424. Barbara Pemberton, Rockwood UMC, Rockwood, TN.
A-3425. James L. Watts plus 24 others, Asbury UMC, Rockwood TN.

Petitions A-3426 through A-3547 have been entitled "Oppose Study Commission on Church and Human Sexuality." They are not identical, but similar in content.
A-3426. Ruth H. White, Wauwatosa UMC, Milwaukee, WI.
A-3427. Administrative Board, Eastman First UMC, Richard Nettles, Chairman, Eastman, GA.
A-3428. Administrative Board, Hartwell UMC, Charles Bernard Matson, Ph.D., plus 35 others, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3429. Mrs. Laverne Konstmen, Clough UMC, Amelia, OH.
A-3430. Administrative Board, St. James UMC, Robert Bailes, plus one other, St. Petersburg, FL.
A-3431. Administrative Board, Evangelical UMC, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.
A-3432. Oscar S. Booker, plus 16 others, Olympia Heights UMC, Miami, FL.
A-3433. Administrative Board, Joseph D. Conner, Chairman, Jewett, OH.
A-3434. Administrative Board, Joe Kearnes, Chairman, Florence, KY.
A-3435. Council on Ministries, Don E. Pattore, Chairman, Marion, OH.
A-3436. UMW-Great Bend First UMC, Nadine L. Amerine, Pres., Great Bend, KS.

A-3437. United Methodist Women, Mrs. John Acree, Pres., Ft. Mitchell, KY.
A-3438. Rita Kickhen, plus 11 others, UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.
A-3439. Administrative Board, UMC Memphis, Jim Powell, plus one other, Chairperson, Memphis, TX.
A-3440. Administrative Board, Highland Park UMC, Dan B. Deloney, Chairperson, Dothan, AL.
A-3441. Rev. Troy J. Barrett, North Carolina Annual Conference.
A-3442. United Methodist Women, St. Matthew's UMC Valley Forge, Nancy Ridyard, Pres., Wayne, PA.
A-3443. Carl W. Carrier, plus 18 others, UMC of Weskan, Sharon Springs, KS.
A-3444. Mrs. Alice Cooper, plus 21 others, First UMC, Columbus, KS.
A-3445. Administrative Board, Connie Boyd, Recording Secy., Belpre, OH.
A-3446. W. A. Hyland and Gladys Hyland, Emmanuel UMC, Horicon, WI.
A-3447. Mr. Guy Detro, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.
A-3448. Ralph Koehler, Emmanuel UMC, Horicon, WI.
A-3449. Mrs. Howard Dennison, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.
A-3450. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heine, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.
A-3451. Miss Belle Curry, Glenwood UMC, Glenwood, AR.
A-3452. Mrs. Helen K. Mize, Bunker Hill UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.
A-3453. Mrs. Bertha E. Flack, UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3454. Administrative Board, Gladys P. Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.
A-3455. Mrs. Velma Waggoner, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Brighton, IL.
A-3456. Mrs.T. H. Humphreys, Mulberry St. UMC, Macon, GA.
A-3457. Administrative Board, Old Center UMC, Newville, AL.
A-3458. Mrs. Drusilla Spurgeon, Beamer UMC, Kokomo, IN.
A-3459. Mrs. Bob F. Cummings, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.
A-3460. Jane M. Ashe, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.
A-3461. Administrative Board, Edmund C. Stover, Chairman, Red Wing, MN.
A-3462. La Vonne Nielsen, Calvary UMC, Ames, IA.
A-3463. Mrs. Martha Sanks, Mafair UMC, Kingsport, TN.
A-3464. Council on Ministries, Clyde Roberts, Chairman, San Angelo, TX.
A-3465. Lena Smith Circle of UMW, Della G. Perler, Secy., Mountain Home, AR.
A-3466. Walter G. Sunden, Christ UMC, Columbus, OH.
A-3467. Carl Loveless, UMC, Marion, IL.
A-3468. Hazel Paget, plus 66 others, Luray UMC, Luray, KS.
A-3469. Administrative Board, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.
A-3470. Miss Irene Kunker, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3471. Mrs. Fay Hatfield, UMC, Garden City, KS.
A-3472. Freeman Morgan, Jr., Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3473. Mrs. William Cook, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-3474. Mrs. Donna Rogers, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3475. Mrs. Ann H. Creed, First UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.
A-3476. Harvey and Betty Koch, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3477. Heminger Church School Class, West Bend UMC, Loren Amerine, Pres., Great Bend, KS.
A-3478. Administrative Board, First UMC, Bruce W. Richards, Chairman, Bridgeton, NJ.
A-3479. Leah M. Grier, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.
A-3480. Sarah Harsh, plus 18 others, Aldersgate UMC, Dayton, OH.
A-3481. Myron P. Walker, UMC of Collingswood, Westmont, NJ.
A-3482. Gerald Phillips, plus 27 others, UMC, Lovington, NM.
A-3483. Joyce Alexander, plus seven others, UMC, Lovington, NM.
A-3484. Mrs. John R. Fite, Bunker UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.

A-3485. Jack O. McGinnis, Casa Linda UMC, Dallas, TX.
A-3486. Ann Schofield, UMC, Wooster, OH.
A-3487. St. Johns UMC, J. R. Stahlrucker, Chairman, Watsontown, PA.
A-3488. Council on Ministries, Harry Holman, plus seven others, Chairman, Noblesville, IN.
A-3489. Administrative Board, Charles Ziemer, Chairman, Manitowoc, WI.
A-3490. L. Edward Corlett, Centre Street UMC, Cumberland, MD.
A-3491. Mrs. Doris Ross, plus two others, UMC, East Sparta, OH.
A-3492. Administrative Board, Marvin C. Cowan, Chairman, Atlanta, GA.
A-3493. Mrs. Ruth Adkins, plus four others, Belfast UMC, Cedar Bluff, VA.
A-3494. Administrative Board, Dr. Gordon Norton, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.
A-3495. Beulah Livaly, St. Paul UMC, Brighton, IL.
A-3496. May H. Monroe, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-3497. Ron Spriggs, plus five others, UMC, Columbus, KS.
A-3498. Administrative Board, Mrs. Hazel Barnhart, Chairperson, Moundsville, WV.
A-3499. Mr. and Mrs. Davis L. Dixon and Mrs. Richard Thomas, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-3500. Administrative Board, Reuban Schlecth, Chairman, Median, ND.
A-3501. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Reever, plus 19 others, UMC, Lovington, NM.
A-3502. Dorothy M. Johnson, St. Paul's UMC, Brighton, IL.
A-3503. Administrative Board, William D. Johnston, Lay Leader of Charge, Spruce Pine, AL.
A-3504. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Steven, Jonesboro UMC, Sanford, NC.
A-3505. Ida D. Dewell, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3506. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Luzader, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.
A-3507. Robert Barrar, Runnemede UMC, Runnemede, NJ.
A-3508. Administrative Board, J. Robert Uhler, Chairperson, Grayson, KY.
A-3509. Ethel M. McHenry, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3510. United Methodist Women, Mrs. R. W. Toler, Group Leader, Pine Bluff, AR.
A-3511. Adult Church School Classes of University UMC, Ben R. Culver, Topeka, KS.
A-3512. Marty Bosshammer, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.
A-3513. Administrative Board of the Iuka UMC, Mrs. Larry Huff, plus ten others, Chairman, Iuka, KS.
A-3514. United Methodist Women, Ivy M. Webster, plus 14 others, Chairman, Great Bend, KS.
A-3515. Administrative Board, James Poole, Chairman, Good Hope, OH.
A-3516. Carl J. Thelen, UMC, East Canton, OH.
A-3517. Louise Henzie, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3518. John T. Coleman, First UMC, Little Rock, AR.
A-3519. United Methodist Women, Marilyn Maresch, plus four others, Chairman, Great Bend, KS.
A-3520. Mrs. Henry Fisher, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.
A-3521. Katherine V. Coleman, First UMC, Little Rock, AR.
A-3522. Edith Scripter, Bethany UMC, Abilene, KS.
A-3523. Fellowship Group UMW, First UMC, Mary Esther Tonkin, plus ten others, Chairman, Great Bend, KS.
A-3524. Lillian Nogrees, Portland UMC, Portland, TX.
A-3525. Administrative Board, Lee Woodburn, Chairman, Fairmont, WV.
A-3526. Melvin Decker, Bison UMC, Bison, KS.
A-3527. Adult Couples Sunday School Class, Versailles UMC, Versailles, KY.
A-3528. Kenneth E. Ford, New Mexico Conference.

A-3529. Charles J. Lemery, plus one other, UMC of Wyoming, Wyoming, MI.

A-3530. Administrative Board, Amherst UMC, Charles H. Shaffer, plus 12 others, Chairman, Waldo, KS.

A-3531. Mrs. Vernon Hitz, Montezuma UMC, Ensign, KS.

A-3532. Lucy G. Todd, UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-3533. Robert C. Pugh, D. D., Kentucky Annual Conference.

A-3534. Administrative Board, Charles W. Williams, Chairman, Homestead, FL.

A-3535. Maxine Herd, plus 57 others, Protection UMC, Protection, KS.

A-3536. Administrative Board, Boyce UMC, Mary Ellen Hazelet, Secretary, East Liverpool, OH.

A-3537. Anne B. Keys, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-3538. Administrative Board, Wendel Mathewson, Chairman, Potter, NB.

A-3539. Mrs. Don Eyer, Clough UMC, Batavia, OH.

A-3540. Senior S. S. Class, Joseph Nelson, plus 14 others, Shipshewana, IN.

A-3541. Mary Frank, Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3542. Paul Greschel, Groesbeck UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3543. Mrs. V. O. Owen, Hawley Memorial UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.

A-3544. Forty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3545. Sixty-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3546. Sixty-five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3547. One hundred eleven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

Petitions A-3548 through A-3833 have been entitled "Oppose Creation and Funding of A Study Commission on Human Sexuality." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-3548. Bertha Baker, Mt. Vernon UMC, Wichita, KS.

A-3549. Elbert R. Snider, plus one other, Hartwell UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3550. Executive Committee of Mohawk District UMC, Susan Harkins, Coordinator, Mohawk, NY.

A-3551. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, Ray Lee Johnson, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

A-3552. John B. Vernon, Kennard UMC, Greenville, PA.

A-3553. United Methodist Women, Ruth McMurray, Pres., 2300 Washington Blvd., Belpre, OH.

A-3554. John A. Mason, UMC, Barboursville, WV.

A-3555. Mrs. Bonnie J. Taylor, Jefferson Chapel UMC, Columbia City, IN.

A-3556. Administrative Board, Carl Thornsberry, Chairman, Granite City, IL.

A-3557. Charles C. Ketz, Pullman Heights UMC, Hot Springs National Park, AR.

A-3558. Steven L. Latch, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3559. Nancy J. Latch, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3560. Katie K. Austin, Smyrna UMC, Farmville, VA.

A-3561. Gail Gichhorst, plus 33 others, UMC, East Meadow, NY.

A-3562. UMW, Nameoki UMC, Dorothy Ashford, Pres., Granite City, IL.

A-3563. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Score, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-3564. Mrs. Stewart Parsons, UMC, Broken Arrow, OH.

A-3565. Administrative Board, Weidman UMC, Thomas M. Herman, Chairman, Weidman, MI.

A-3566. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clark, Lafayette UMC, London, OH.

A-3567. Ida M. Jeisel, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-3568. Administrative Board, Wayne Gustafson, plus 70 others, Chairman, Oxseola, WI.

A-3569. Harold Hoyt, plus 11 others, Quitman UMC, Quitman, MO.

A-3570. Parrish Court UMC, Administrative Board, Charles Gilber, Chairperson.

A-3571. Administrative Board, Howard E. Fox, Pastor, Strasburg, OH.

A-3572. Jennie L. Rea, UMC of Broken Arrow, OK.

A-3573. Kathleen Svoboda, UMC, Hebron, NV.

A-3574. John H. Siegroth, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3575. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, J.L. Donnelly, Chairman, Levelland, TX.

A-3576. Washington County UMC of Men, Wendell W. Grimm, Pres., Marietta, OH.

A-3577. Walter E. Fuester, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3578. Holston Evangelical Fellowship, Sam Leidig, Pres., Knoxville, TN.

A-3579. Mrs. Opal M. McBride, Gypsum, KS.

A-3580. Ethel M. Payne, UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3581. Administrative Board, Jack Quarles, Chairperson, Sacramento, CA.

A-3582. Administrative Board, Calvin Karr, Chairman, Sinton, TX.

A-3583. Joseph K. Lester, UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-3584. Clarence B. Wildes, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-3585. Dick Randall, Burrton UMC, Burrton, KS.

A-3586. Dorothy M. Gravenstine, Tabernacle UMC, Cape May, NJ.

A-3587. Administrative Board, James L. Taylor, plus 14 others, Englewood, CO.

A-3588. Laurine Jennings, UMC, Cambridge, IA.

A-3589. Lester E. Gruger, Kennard UMC, Greenville, PA.

A-3590. Gloria P. Emmett, UMC, Greenville, PA.

A-3591. Larry R. Shrout, Nebraska Annual Conference.

A-3592. Mrs. Howard A. Jester, UMC, Chanute, KS.

A-3593. Martin W. Marshall, plus 40 others, Bluffton Trinity UMC, Bluffton, OH.

A-3594. Stanley R. Albright, UMC, Mt. Ephraim, NJ.

A-3595. Administrative Board, Everett Doane, Chairperson, Morrow, OH.

A-3596. Louise Berry, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-3597. John A. Price, Paradise Hills UMC, Corrales, NM.

A-3598. Donald R. Berry, Rockland UMC, Belpre, OH.

A-3599. Administrative Board, Hayden Smallenberger, Chairman, Conneaut Lake, PA.

A-3600. Barbara R. Rader, plus 31 others, UMC, Findlay, OH.

A-3601. UMW, Maretta M. Weisel, Pres., Phillipsburg, NJ.

A-3602. William M. Strike, plus 1 other, UMC of Collingswood, Runnemede, NJ.

A-3603. Mrs. Frank Diehl, UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3604. Administrative Board, Sollie Burchill, Chairman, Valley City, ND.

A-3605. Clarence F. Avey, Southern New England Conference.

A-3606. Mrs. John B. Vernon, UMC of Kennard, Greenville, PA.

A-3607. Administrative Board, Clarence W. Ball, Recording Secy., Lisbon, OH.

A-3608. Nelle A. Taylor, plus 4 others, UMC of Columbus, New Holland, OH.

A-3609. Administrative Board, Marion Fricke, Chairperson, North Lawrence, OH.

A-3610. Thirty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3611. Mrs. Lyle DeGraw, UMC, Rockford, IA.

A-3612. Dorothy M. Clark, Basic UMC, Earlysville, VA.
A-3613. Margaret Hall, plus one other, UMC, Nora Springs, IA.
A-3614. Beverly J. Jennings, St. Andrew's UMC, Wilmore, KY.
A-3615. United Methodist Women of Wesley, Maretta M. Weisel, Pres., Phillipsburg, NJ.
A-3616. Frank I. Diehl, UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3617. Laverne G. Coleman, UMC, Mountain Home, AR.
A-3618. Emma Malone, plus 27 others, Ridgewood UMC, Parma, OH.
A-3619. Mrs. Florence Behr, First UMC, Silver Springs, NY.
A-3620. Methodist Youth Fellowship, Tommy A. Nichols, Pres., Hot Springs National Park, AR.
A-3621. Administrative Board, Glen Stevenson, Vice-Chairman, Eagle, ID.
A-3622. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Heine, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.
A-3623. Wanda Kinkel, Christopher UMC, Christopher, IL.
A-3624. Administrative Board, Mrs. Ivan Schlenker, Secy., Forbes, ND.
A-3625. West Virginia Conference, Harold G. Burke, Pres., Nitro, WV.
A-3626. C. T. Harwood, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3627. Richard H. Ferrell, La Bell View UMC, Steubenville, OH.
A-3628. Valery K. York, UMC, Kingston, AR.
A-3629. Roger S. Stuart, Howe Memorial UMC, Crescent City, FL.
A-3630. Lelia M. Spegal, Christopher UMC, Christopher, IL.
A-3631. Leah L. Moyers, La Belle View UMC, Steubenville, OH.
A-3632. T. H. Humphreys, UMC, Macon, GA.
A-3633. Mrs. Fran V. Vauiro, UMC, Appleton, WI.
A-3634. Administrative Board, Mrs. Loren Bandy, Chairperson, Hillsboro, IL.
A-3635. Council-Board, William M. Huggins, Chairman, Leander, TX.
A-3636. Mr. and Mrs. Dee C. Jennings, St. Mark UMC, McAllen, TX.
A-3637. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Travelstead, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-3638. Mrs. Jim Mercer, Damascus UMC, Salem, OH.
A-3639. Mrs. Fred Lemmon, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-3640. Anna C. Hunter, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3641. F. Dale Patterson, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3642. Aileen Cox, First UMC, England, AR.
A-3643. Mr. and Mrs. C. Ralph Connell, First UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.
A-3644. Dodman Hilton, Jr., plus 49 others, UMC, Wildoboro, MD.
A-3645. Aurelia Well, St. Paul's UMC, Brighton, IL.
A-3646. Mrs. Glen O. Gerdt, Bunker UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.
A-3647. Alice Woodruff, Mt. Tabor UMC, East Canton, OH.
A-3648. Mrs. Bennie Bolin Haynie, Hawley Memorial UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.
A-3649. Mrs. Ralph Sallee, Hawley Memorial UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.
A-3650. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.
A-3651. Central Texas Annual Conference, J. D. Hyle, Secy., Fort Worth, TX.
A-3652. Administrative Board, Everett Doane, Chairperson, Morrow, OH.
A-3653. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben C. Nies, UMC, Ashley, ND.
A-3654. Richard Dee Wise, Christ UMC, St. Petersburg, FL.
A-3655. Mrs. Esther Meyer, Emmanuel UMC, Hastings, NB.
A-3656. Administrative Board of New Hope UMC, Fred Proctor, Member, Marion, IN.
A-3657. Bill Razor, Louise Razor, and Tanya Razor, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3658. Leroy Case, UMC, Damascus, OH.
A-3659. Mrs. Gale Brehm, Steele UMC, Waupaca, WI.
A-3660. James P. Fink, Jr., UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3661. Council on Ministries of the Daisy UMC, Robert L. Thompson, Chairman, Daisy, TN.

A-3662. Administrative Board, Larry Riley, Chairman, Greenville, PA.

A-3663. Administrative Board, Charles W. Ross, Chairman, Goshen, OH.

A-3664. T. J. Thomas, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3665. Grace E. Richardson, Epworth UMC, Norfolk, VA.

A-3666. Administrative Board of Ebenezer UMC, Mrs. Roland Becker, Recording Secy., Streetcar, ND.

A-3667. Rico Kohous, O'Neill UMC, O'Neill, NB.

A-3668. Administrative Board, Ruth Bleam, Secy., Basehor, KS.

A-3669. R. F. Fisher, plus six others, West Ohio Annual Conference.

A-3670. Thirty-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3671. Vernon Hitz, Montezuma UMC, Montezuma, KS.

A-3672. Administrative Board, Charles M. Colhard, Chairman, Macon, GA.

A-3673. Thirteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3674. Guyann Swaim, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-3675. Louise M. Miller, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3676. E. A. Leaming, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3677. Administrative Board, John A. Ferguson, Chairman, Catharpin, VA.

A-3678. Administrative Board, Clair E. Marvrie, Chairman, Bucyrus, OH.

A-3679. Administrative Board, Kirk Molebash, Chairman, Noblesville, IN.

A-3680. Commission on Social Concerns, UMC of Wooster, Glen R. Boling, plus five others, Member, Wooster, OH.

A-3681. Youth Director, First UMC, Rev. Richard W. Esher, Youth Director, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3682. B. S. Hundley, First UMC, Star City, AR.

A-3683. Seventy-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3684. Administrative Board, Troy M. Shearon, Chairperson, Dothan, AL.

A-3685. Rev. Philip Everett Worth, Southern New Jersey Annual Conference.

A-3686. Mrs. Mack Phillips, Centenerary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-3687. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Krantz, Fox Hill Central UMC, Hampton, VA.

A-3688. Frederick L. Payne, plus 1 other, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3689. Administrative Board, Jim Crose, Chairperson, Indianapolis, IN.

A-3690. Miss Ruby J. Hayes, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3691. Donald W. Powers, M. D., UMC of Ames, Ames, IA.

A-3692. Mrs. Marcella Wallace, Gillett UMC, Gillett, AR.

A-3693. Administrative Board, Edward R. Gurtcheff, Secy., Collingswood, NJ.

A-3694. Homer J. Princehorn, East Greenville UMC, North Lawrence, OH.

A-3695. Patrick H. O'Berry, Woods UMC, Ettrick, VA.

A-3696. Rev. Jack L. South, Virginia Conference.

A-3697. United Methodist Women, Fellowship Group, Great Bend UMC, Jeanine Laughlin, plus 19 others, Chairman, Great Bend, KS.

A-3698. Mrs. Roberta Coffman, Gillett UMC, Gillett, AR.

A-3699. Ruth Hussong, UMC of Ames, Ames, IA.

A-3700. United Methodist Women, Wesley UMC, Mrs. Roy Pace, Pres., Borger, TX.

A-3701. Administrative Board, Clifford E. Nielsen, Chairman, Tappen, ND.

A-3702. Fellowship Group, UMW Great Bend First UMC, Pauline Eneff, plus nine others, Chairman, Great Bend, KS.

A-3703. Administrative Board, Abilene First UMC, Leo R. Lake, Chairman, Abilene, KS.

A-3704. Pastor D. W. Bartholomay, Wyoming Conference.

A-3705. Rev. Pearl Casto, West Ohio Conference.

A-3706. Esther and Walter Geil, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3707. Mrs. Oliver E. Werner, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3708. Duane W. Priset, Disciples UMC, Holley, NY.
A-3709. Administrative Board, Leroy Aichele, Chairman, Steele, ND.
A-3710. Administrative Board, Alfred Reher, Chairman, Pine Bluffs, WY.
A-3711. Administrative Board, Jerry Bigham, plus 22 others, Luray, KS.
A-3712. Dorothy S. Cunningham, Frankfort UMC, Frankfort, OH.
A-3713. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stalling, Burlington UMC, Burlington Junction, MO.
A-3714. Howard C. Ater and Christine Ater, Frankfort UMC, Frankfort, OH.
A-3715. Council on Ministries, Jonesboro UMC, R. B. McClung, Chairman, Jonesboro, AR.
A-3716. Mrs. Hilda M. Howlett, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3717. Kenneth Swartz plus 24 others, Forest Hill UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.
A-3718. Beth Priset, Disciples UMC, Holley, NY.
A-3719. Administrative Board, Robert McElhaney, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3720. Administrative Board, Shreve UMC, Richard G. Baker, Chairman, Shreve, OH.
A-3721. Council on Ministries, Ms. F. M. Coyle, Chairman, Riverside, NJ.
A-3722. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dorman, Elmwood West UMC, Abilene, TX.
A-3723. Administrative Board, Newport UMC, Sharon Knipe, Secy., Newport, NJ.
A-3724. Mrs. Bertha CeBanion, UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3725. Administrative Board, Mrs. Wilma Betty Hubble, Secy., Oxford, MI.
A-3726. Mrs. Linda C. Curry, Mabelvale UMC, Little Rock, AR.
A-3727. Dr. R. F. Koustmer, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3728. Administrative Board, Marvell UMC, Warren Sims, Chairman, plus 38 others, Marvell, AR.
A-3729. Administrative Board, Lima UMC, Darrell A. Baum, Chairman, plus 17 others, Howe, IN.
A-3730. Mrs. Anna Hall, UMC, Florence, KY.
A-3731. Administrative Board, Zack Arnold, Chairperson, South Lebanon, OH.
A-3732. William R. Colby, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.
A-3733. Administrative Board, Theodore E. Mott, Lay Leader and Chairman, Linwood, NJ.
A-3734. Roy L. Gardner, South Georgia Annual Conference.
A-3735. Sidney L. Barton, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3736. Melvin Andrew plus 36 others, Bridgeton UMC, Bridgeton, IN.
A-3737. Administrative Board, Wayne Hall, Committee Chairman, Shreveport, LA.
A-3738. Mrs. Edna Keplinger, UMC, Sulphur Springs, OH.
A-3739. UMW, Mildred B. Stroyan plus 25 others, Faith UMC, Barker, NY.
A-3740. Arthur W. Collins, Terre Haute UMC, Linton, IN.
A-3741. Mrs. Ardyth Stull, Mulberry St. UMC, Lexington, KY.
A-3742. Kyle Siebert plus 19 others, UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.
A-3743. Council on Ministries, Elmer J. Diesel, Chairperson, Titusville, FL.
A-3744. Fred Duphoren plus 12 others, UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.
A-3745. Jennie L. Hoopes plus 23 others, UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.
A-3746. Administrative Board, Billy H. Cline, Chairman, Gothenburg, NB.
A-3747. The Questors Class, Mr. Robert Braden, Teacher, plus 31 others, Dallas, TX.
A-3748. Theodore Robb, Collingswood UMC, Westmont, NJ.
A-3749. Kay McPheeters, Banner UMC, Gothenburg, NB.
A-3750. Administrative Board, Rev. M. D. Helm, Minister, Monticello, IN.

A-3751. Rachel E. Johnson, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-3752. Elsie K. Pildner, Chardon UMC, Chardon, OH.
A-3753. Administrative Board, Vernon Roth, Chairperson, Bismarck, ND.
A-3754. W. Roy Hicks, Lewisport UMC, Lewisport, KY.
A-3755. Administrative Board, Melbourne UMC, Doris Lee Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.
A-3756. Mrs. Shirley P. Cimburke, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3757. Robert McWhaney, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3758. George H. Leasperson, First UMC, Cherry Hill, NJ.
A-3759. Judy L. Long, Woods UMC, Chesterfield, VA.
A-3760. Reachers' Young Adult Class, Harold Ralph Henderson, Tifton, GA.
A-3761. Rockland UMM, Daniel R. Swick, Secy., Belpre, OH.
A-3762. Two-hundred and twenty-three identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-3763. One-hundred and sixteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-3764. Evangelism Commission, Roger P. Henize, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3765. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Gerald R. Stephens, Chairperson, LaGrange Park, IL.
A-3766. One-hundred and eighty-eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-3767. Thirty identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-3768. Thomas V. Donohue, UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3769. Dave Kendrick plus one other, Stanleytown UMC, Bassett, VA.
A-3770. Forty-six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-3771. Six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-3772. Mrs. Virgil D. Grayson, Ferguson UMC, Ferguson, KY.
A-3773. Thirteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-3774. Ninety-eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-3775. Fourteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-3776. Betty Jane Winget plus one other, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.
A-3777. Administrative Board, Robert L. Coffery, Chairman, Louisville, KY.
A-3778. Mrs. Harriett H. Kleist, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3779. Alma H. McDaniel, Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3780. Marcia Weil plus seven others, UMC, Inola, OK.
A-3781. Jonathan A. Bader, Asbury UMC, Janesville, WI.
A-3782. John A. Siegroth, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3783. Dansy T. and Marie F. Williams, Mulberry St. UMC, Macon, GA.
A-3784. Anne B. Zarder, Calvary UMC, Milwaukee, WI.
A-3785. Council on Ministries, Lila Missell, Akron, OH.
A-3786. Marion R. Rexroad, Christ UMC, Parkersburg, WV.
A-3787. Administrative Board, Mrs. Monica L. Nerl, Chairperson, Cincinnati, OH.
A-3788. Ronald M. McCauley, UMC, Parkersburg, WV.
A-3789. Lyle DeGraw, UMC, Rockford, IA.
A-3790. Mrs. Kathryn Miller, Damascus UMC, Damascus, OH.

A-3791. Mrs. Ralph Moxey, UMC, Bunker Hill, IL.
A-3792. Martha E. Van Meta, UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3793. Administrative Board, Karl K. Wilson, St. Clairsville, OH.
A-3794. Mrs. Virginia Newlen, Dueber UMC, Middlebranch, OH.
A-3795. Ms. Savina Stratton, Mountain Home UMC, Lakeview, AR.
A-3796. Mrs. William R. Ermey, Hawley Memorial UMC, Pine Bluff, AR.
A-3797. Raymond M. Mosley, Sr., UMC, Coxsachie, NY.
A-3798. Administrative Board, David Brier, Chairman, Indianapolis, IN.
A-3799. Mrs. Mildred Straub, Old Salem UMC, Greenville, PA.
A-3800. Mrs. Gladys M. Bayne, UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3801. Cynthia Fuester, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-3802. Mrs. Dorothy M. Davis, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-3803. Council on Ministries, W. B. Petty, Jr., Lay Leader, Jefferson City, TN.
A-3804. Edward DeGraw and Vera DeGraw, First UMC, Rockford, IA.
A-3805. W. O. Phillips, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-3806. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Duane Lynch, Dagsboro, DE.
A-3807. Christian Fellowship Class, Margaret B. McGraw plus 23 others, Member, Pensacola, FL.
A-3808. Administrative Board, Charles C. Jordan, Chairman, Dothan, AL.
A-3809. Pauline Neill plus 26 others, UMC, Ness City, KS.
A-3810. Council on Ministries, Minters Chapel UMC, John T. Rogers, Chairman, Grapevine, TX.
A-3811. Administrative Board, Owen R. Griffith, Jr., Chairman, Princeton, WV.
A-3812. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, UMC, Cambridge, IA.
A-3813. Ronald Gerlach plus 38 others, Elkton UMC, East Palestine, OH.
A-3814. Mary E. Martin, UMC, Gahanna, OH.
A-3815. Vicki Robbins, First UMC, Sturgis, MI.
A-3816. Mr. and Mrs. Okley Gruber, Kennard UMC, Greenville, PA.
A-3817. Beverly Allen Brown plus two others, Sidney UMC, Sidney, NY.
A-3818. Phyllis J. Bear, Coesse UMC, Columbia City, IN.
A-3819. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilch, Shorewood Hills UMC, Jones Mill, AR.
A-3820. Rev. Park E. Miller, Nora Springs, IA.
A-3821. John H. Staggs, First UMC, Wilmore, KY.
A-3822. Charles F. Adams, Trinity UMC, Charles City, IA.
A-3823. Methodist Men's Organization, First UMC, H. R. Curtis, President, Olton, TX.
A-3824. Lou Ann Staggs, First UMC, Wilmore, KY.
A-3825. June Bos, Hart UMC, Hart, MI.
A-3826. Administrative Board, Rockland UMC, Mrs. Harvey C. Bersh plus 11 others, Kennerdell, PA.
A-3827. Peggy M. Adkins, West Covina UMC, Covina, CA.
A-3828. Marjorie A. Deale, High Street UMC, Michigan City, IN.
A-3829. Administrative Board, First UMC, James McClane plus 26 others, Chairperson, Karnes City, TX.
A-3830. Administrative Board, Springhill UMC, Iris Baucum, Recording Secy., Springhill, LA.
A-3831. G. M. and J. D. Owen, Bartlesville First UMC, Bartlesville, OK.
A-3832. Administrative Board, Green Valley UMC, Andrew W. Slezak, Chairman, Akron, OH.
A-3833. Willard Proudfit, plus one other, Battle Creek UMC, Battle Creek, MI.
A-3834. Robert M. Gordon, Kansas West Annual Conference.

Petitions A-3835 through A-4152 are: Oppose Creation and Funding of Study Commission on Church and Human Sexuality.

A-3835. Ilene E. Fish plus eight others, Mt. Carmel UMC, Bellevue, OH.

A-3836. Administrative Board, Big Lake UMC, William C. Rise, Chairman, Big Lake, TX.

A-3837. Around thirty Sunday School Class, Platte Woods UMC, Marjorie L. Bauman plus 53 others, Kansas City, MO.

A-3838. Hamill E. Weller plus four others, Vicksburg UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

A-3839. Arthur R. Kirk, East Ohio Annual Conference.

A-3840. Melvin Meyer plus three members, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-3841. Administrative Board, Bucklin UMC, Robert McColm, Chairman, Bucklin, KS.

A-3842. Alda Hope Ayers, Tampa UMC, Tampa, FL.

A-3843. Administrative Board, Linwood Heights UMC, Audrey Lee Murphy, Chairman, Linwood Heights, PA.

A-3844. Council on Ministries, Arnold UMC, Ken C. Wehrman, Chairman, Arnold, NB.

A-3845. Mrs. Oliver E. Werner, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3846. Council on Ministries, Church of the Savior UMC, Stanley C. Ewing, Chairperson.

A-3847. Mrs. H. F. Wall, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3848. John W. Dyson, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3849. Council on Ministries, Great Bend UMC, E. R. Curtis, Chairman, Great Bend, KS.

A-3850. Ruth H. Allard, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-3851. Katherine J. Schmitt, Haddonfield UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.

A-3852. James and Audrey Walter, Madison UMC, Madison, WI.

A-3853. Commission on Missions and Evangelism, Casa Linda UMC, Harry Mansfield plus seven others, Chairman, Dallas, TX.

A-3854. Janet M. Gilbert plus 13 others, Mt. Carmel UMC, Clyde, OH.

A-3855. Administration Board, First UMC, A. F. Smith, Leader, Bethel Park, PA.

A-3856. John I. Marshall, Saint Andrew UMC, Englewood, CO.

A-3857. Mrs. Bertha E. Flack, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-3858. Mae Zimmerman, Mountain Home UMC, Mountain Home, AR.

A-3859. Mary Fowls plus 103 others, First UMC, Elyria, OH.

A-3860. Mary M. Rhea, Pleasant Hill UMC, Jackson, OH.

A-3861. Charles C. Collie, UMC, San Antonio, TX.

A-3862. Duane Lynch, Bethel UMC, Dagsboro, DE.

A-3863. Mrs. Elsie M. Wisegaines, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood N.J.

A-3864. Administrative Board, Endicott UMC, Berta Hepler, Secy., Endicott, NY.

A-3865. Mrs. Amarylis Wade, Calvary UMC, New Berlin, WI.

A-3866. Sylvia J. Skinner, Brighton UMC, Brighton, IL.

A-3867. Administrative Board, El Dorado UMC, Leroy Jackson, Chairperson, El Dorado, AR.

A-3868. UMW, Iuka UMC, Mrs. L. M. Dillon plus 22 others, Pres., Iuka, KS.

A-3869. Fifty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3870. Eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3871. Administrative Board, Lovington UMC, C. W. Brewer, Chairman, Lovington, NM.

A-3872. Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Teter, Franklin UMC, Franklin, WV.

A-3873. Wilma Stamm, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-3874. Harold F. Turk, Southern NJ.

A-3875. Grace E. Miller, Trinity UMC, Eau Claire, WI.

A-3876. Pauline Young plus 23 others, West Bend UMC, West Bend, KY.

A-3877. Mrs. C. Sneath plus 12 others, Carneiro UMC, Brookville, KA.

A-3878. W. E. Durant, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-3879. Administrative Board, Steelton UMC, Mr. James E. Lange, Chairman, Steelton, PA.

A-3880. Administrative Board, Los Fresnos UMC, John G. Woody, Pastor, Los Fresnos, TX.

A-3881. R. Fletcher Hardy III, Virginia Annual Conference.

A-3882. Administrative Board, Warner Robins UMC, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

A-3883. Thomas Morin, Asbury UMC, Rochester, NY.

A-3884. Mrs. Shirley Breeding, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3885. UMY, McAllen UMC, Mark Mang, Pres., McAllen, TX.

A-3886. Administrative Board, Palm Heights UMC, Don L. Delaplain, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

A-3887. Palmer and Mildred Nelson, Chemung UMC, Elmira, N.Y.

A-3888. Administrative Board, Big Stone City UMC, James R. Geir, Chairman, Big Stone City, SD.

A-3889. Mrs. Arthur Millage, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

A-3890. Anna Lee Wright, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

A-3891. Administrative Board, Macy UMC, James O'Dell, Pastor, Macy, IN.

A-3892. Administrative Board, O'Neill UMC, Fred G. Jones, Chairman, O'Neill, NB.

A-3893. Administrative Board, Coshocton UMC, Jean Burchfield, Chairman, Coshocton, OH.

A-3894. You are Welcome Sunday School Class, Great Bend UMC, Franklin L. Edwards plus 36 others, Leader, Great Bend, KA.

A-3895. Administrative Board, Sterling UMC, Henry Woods, Chairman, Sterling, OK.

A-3896. Harriet A. Dawe, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-3897. Administrative Board, Oswego UMC, John Murphy, Chairman, Oswego, KS.

A-3898. Social Concerns, Mt. Vernon UMC, Mt. Vernon, MS.

A-3899. Administrative Board, Bridgeport UMC, James L. Lang, Chairman, Bridgeport, WV.

A-3900. Administrative Board, Ringwood UMC, John Roe Ratzlaff, Chairperson, Ringwood, OK.

A-3901. Belva Lester, Broken Arrow UMC, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-3902. Administrative Board, St. Mark UMC, John P. Riggs, Chairman, McAllen, TX.

A-3903. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Annual Conference.

A-3904. Mrs. Marcus Howard, Helton UMC, Helton, KY.

A-3905. Darrell N. Jones plus 49 others, Mt. Olive UMC, Sardis, OH.

A-3906. Mrs. Wayne Kintz, Peace UMC, Richland Center, WI.

A-3907. James H. Fry, Jr., Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3908. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Green, New Washington UMC, New Washington, OH.

A-3909. Council on Ministries, Parkersburg UMC, Parkersburg, WV.

A-3910. Mrs. Alfred Durant, Jr., Chandlersville UMC, Chandlersville, OH.

A-3911. Administrative Board, Memorial UMC, James G. Rinshaw, Chairman, Baltimore, MD.

A-3912. Viola M. Platzer, Canton UMC, Canton, OH.

A-3913. Administrative Board, St. Luke UMC, Don E. Mitchell, Chairman, Columbia, TN.

A-3914. Administrative Board, Oakland UMC, Melvin W. Blakaul, Chairman, Galax, VA.

A-3915. Administrative Board, State Avenue UMC, Herman Gillilous, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3916. Administrative Board, Cocoa Beach UMC, Hillard H. Allen, Chairman, Cocoa Beach, FL.

A-3917. Administrative Board, Mize Memorial UMC, R. D. Wright, Chairman, Augusta, GA.

A-3918. Administrative Board, Alton UMC, Harold Clark, Chairman, Alton, IL.

A-3919. Mrs. Don Eyler, Clough UMC, Batavia, OH.

A-3920. Administrative Board, Nicholasville UMC, Vernon Teater plus 17 others, Chairperson, Nicholasville, KY.

A-3921. Administrative Board, Hamlin UMC, W. T. Johnson, Chairman, Hamlin, TX.

A-3922. UMW, McAllen UMC, Mrs. R. E. Parry, Pres., McAllen, TX.

A-3923. Mark Wyatt, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

A-3924. Administrative Board, Odem UMC, Charles Spiekerman, Chairman, Odem, TX.

A-3925. Miss Margaret Benninger, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

A-3926. Bess Reagen Adult Women's Class, Gatlinburg UMC, Dorothy E. Whaling, plus seven others, Gatlinburg, TN.

A-3927. Mrs. Marilyn E. Daniel, Tioga UMC, Tioga, LA.

A-3928. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dennis plus 16 others, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

A-3929. Charles W. Shaw plus 15 others, Vici UMC, Vici, OK.

A-3930. Administrative Board, Bradenton UMC, Freda R. Buje, Recording Secy., Bradenton, FL.

A-3931. Nelson A. Thomas, Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

A-3932. Delos Blakeman plus 31, Chapel UMC, Nicholasville, KY.

A-3933. Administrative Board, San Antonio UMC, William I. James, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

A-3934. Mr. Claude D. Finley, Jr. plus three others, Grace UMC, Union, SC.

A-3935. Donald M. Moyer, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

A-3936. Administrative Board, Broken Arrow UMC, Richard H. Wise, Chairman, Broken Arrow, OK.

A-3937. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, F. Dee Duncan, Chairman, LaCrosse, WI.

A-3938. Administrative Board, Laurel UMC, Norman F. Louie, President, Laurel, DE.

A-3939. Charles W. Deeker plus 88, Community UMC, Elyria, OH.

A-3940. Administrative Board, Burlington Junction UMC, Charles M. Privitt plus 11 others, Burlington Junction, MO.

A-3941. Mrs. Mary P. Chalkley, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-3942. Mrs. Viola M. Neefe, Mount Tabor UMC, East Canton, OH.

A-3943. Committee on Ministries, Newtown UMC, Jerry J. Nerl, Chairman, Newton, OH.

A-3944. Mrs. K. O. Luoto, Lutz UMC, Lutz, FL.

A-3945. Council on Ministries, Clairsville UMC, Saint Clairsville, OH.

A-3946. Fourteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3947. Administrative Board, Alliance UMC, Karen Pugh, Secy., Alliance, OH.

A-3948. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Schreider, First UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-3949. Administrative Board, Grand Rapids UMC, Charles O. Stiehl, Chairman, Grand Rapids, MI.

A-3950. Commission on Missions, Hope UMC, Dwayne Davis, Chairman, Hope, ND.

A-3951. Margie Quilling, Iron Creek Salem UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-3952. Administrative Board, Austin UMC, Harold Carlson member, Austin, TX.

A-3953. Eleanor Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-3954. Sheila M. Shrout, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.

A-3955. Mrs. J. E. Gallaway, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.

A-3956. Administrative Board, First UMC, Doil P. Kellar, Chairman, Aransas Pass, TX.

A-3957. Nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3958. Five hundred sixty-two identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3959. Eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3960. William and Muriel S. Cost, Trinity UMC, Trenton, NJ.

A-3961. Clifton A. Raeke, Monthalia UMC, Cost, TX.

A-3962. Administrative Board, Claude D. Finley, Jr., Chairman.

A-3963. Six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3964. Thirty-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3965. Thirteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3966. Nineteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3967. Ten identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3968. Thirty-nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3969. One thousand, eight hundred sixty-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3970. Thirty-nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3971. Thirty identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3972. Thirty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3973. Eighty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3974. Two hundred four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3975. Thirty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3976. Five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3977. Thirty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-3978. Administrative Board, Neodesha UMC, Dr. Charles Koger, Chairman, Neodesha, KS.

A-3979. Mrs. Pauline McGee, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

A-3980. William H. McGee, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

A-3981. Administrative Board, Jonesville UMC, Dick Thomae, Chairman, Jonesville, LA.

A-3982. Mrs. Anna Ridler, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.
A-3983. Mrs. Judity C. Horton, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.
A-3984. Administrative Board, Palm Heights UMC, Don L. Delaplain, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.
A-3985. Robert B. Saucer, Dallas UMC, Dallas, TX.
A-3986. V. E. Fesler, Tampa UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-3987. Marjorie L. Williams, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.
A-3988. Bernice Bowen, Rockford UMC, Rockford, IA.
A-3989. Harriett G. Manley, Tampa UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-3990. Administrative Board, Adair UMC, Norman Jackson, Chairman, Adair, OK.
A-3991. Arthur F. Fleser, Wilmore UMC, Wilmore, KY.
A-3992. Administrative Board, Mt. Zion UMC, Susan A. Sunday, Secy., Enola, PA.
A-3993. Fred E. Murdock, First UMC, DuBois, PA.
A-3994. Council on Ministries, Hickernell UMC, Springboro, PA.
A-3995. Administrative Board, Prairie Chapel UMC, R. S. Lockard, Chairman, Warsaw, OH.
A-3996. Administrative Board, Mt. Vernon UMC, Jerry Wood, Chairman, Mt. Vernon, MO.
A-3997. Mrs. H. P. Broce, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-3998. Mrs. J. DeFreitos, Haddon Heights UMC, Haddon Heights, NJ.
A-3999. Wayne L. and Vera L. Eby, Bethel UMC, Elkhart, IN.
A-4000. Wayne P. Kodow, Wesley UMC, Manitowoc, WI.
A-4001. Bible Study Class, Pittsburg UMC, Pittsburg, KS.
A-4002. Mrs. William J. Siefert, Grace UMC, Marion, MD.
A-4003. Mrs. Margaret S. Nugent, Claymont UMC, Claymont, DE.
A-4004. Mr. and Mrs. Weatherford, Forney UMC, Forney, TX.
A-4005. Robert R. Card, Saint Mark's UMC, Lima, OH.
A-4006. Tannisse Joyce, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.
A-4007. Virginia R. Merten, Emmanuel Community UMC, Menomonee Falls, WI.
A-4008. Harry H. Koch, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.
A-4009. Earl J. Rodman, O'Neill UMC, O'Neill, NB.
A-4010. Administrative Board, Cincinnati UMC, Ruth Bremer, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-4011. Robert Baumgarder, Brownfield UMC, Brownfield, TX.
A-4012. Administrative Board, Warner Robins UMC, Warner Robins, GA.
A-4013. J. E. Frank, St. Matthew UMC, Belleville, IL.
A-4014. Harry H. Joyce, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.
A-4015. Administrative Board, Browns Mills UMC, Frederick Eckhardt, Chairperson, Browns Mills, NJ.
A-4016. Council on Ministries, Browns Mills UMC, June Kraus, Chairperson, Browns Mills, NJ.
A-4017. Robert N. Mattice, Smithville UMC, Smithville, OH.
A-4018. Administrative Board, St. Georges UMC, Philadelphia, PA.
A-4019. Adult Bible Class, Burlington Junction UMC, Ernest E. Stalbing plus 20 others, Teacher, Burlington Junction, MO.
A-4020. Pearl Casto, West Ohio Conference.
A-4021. Mr. and Mrs. Randon B. Ely, Tye UMC, Abilene, TX.
A-4022. Administrative Board, Asbury UMC, George Brown, President, Ardmore, OK.
A-4023. Council on Ministries and Administrative Board, Garfield UMC, Don Smith, Chairman, Arnold, NB.
A-4024. Administrative Board, Sutton Salem UMC, Virginia Bergen plus 9 others, Sutton, NB.

A-4025. Six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-4026. Administrative Board, Clay Center Emmanuel UMC, Raymond J. Anderson, Chairman, Clay Center, NB.

A-4027. UMM, Victory Memorial UMC, Donald Hughes, President, Guymon, OK.

A-4028. Administrative Board, Hillcrest UMC, W. E. Nave, Chairman, Knoxville, TN.

A-4029. Administrative Board, Ellinwood UMC, Sam C. Stitt, Chairman, Ellinwood, KS.

A-4030. Administrative Board, South Lebanon UMC, Zack Arnold, Chairperson, South Lebanon, OH.

A-4031. Mrs. Mary W. Eanes, Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-4032. Charlene Baumgardner, Brownfield UMC, Brownfield, TX.

A-4033. Official Board, Georgetown UMC, Robert M. Gregory, Chairman, Georgetown, KY.

A-4034. Administrative Board, Blountstown UMC, Leon S. Williams, Chairman, Blountstown, FL.

A-4035. Administrative Board, Amarillo UMC, Gerald Nipp, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

A-4036. Joyce M. Tweed, Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-4037. Alexandria District Conference, Dr. Clyde Clark, District Superintendent, Pineville, LA.

A-4038. Mr. Lawrence Sipple plus one, Salem UMC, Menomonie, WI.

A-4039. Administrative Board, Racine UMC, Mavis Mijni, Secy., Racine, WI.

A-4040. T. J. Thomas, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4041. Mrs. Sallie Nugent, Woods UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-4042. Laywomen of Paradise Hills UMC and Central UMC, Lee Cook plus 19 others, Albuquerque, NM.

A-4043. UMW, Hamilton UMC, Mrs. John McWilliam plus 29 members, Pres., Hamilton, OH.

A-4044. Mrs. James Whitcraft, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

A-4045. Betty Bayless plus 30 members, Beavertown UMC, Newport, OH.

A-4046. Council on Ministries, Church Hill UMC, Robert E. Keith, Chairman, Church Hill, TN.

A-4047. Marjorie M. Brunner, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-4048. Administrative Board, Colly Memorial UMC, Vic Scott, Pres., Eagle Lake, TX.

A-4049. Karen Bowling, Dueber UMC, Massillon, OH.

A-4050. Mary Scott plus 41 others, City Heights UMC, Van Buren, AR.

A-4051. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Phil Winchell, Chairman, Marion, IN.

A-4052. Coleman Bible Class, Waynesboro UMC, Irwin N. Reeves, Secy., Waynesboro, GA.

A-4053. Paul and Marian Killman, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-4054. Council on Ministries, Dickey UMC, Dickey, ND.

A-4055. Jean M. Austin, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-4056. UMW, Pine Bluffs UMC, June N. Safranck, Secy., Pine Bluffs, WY.

A-4057. Anna M. Lodge, LaBelle View UMC, Steubenville, OH.

A-4058. UMW, Wooster UMC, Mrs. James Parcell, Pres., Wooster, OH.

A-4059. Mrs. Mable Grove, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.

A-4060. Administrative Board, Hopedale UMC, Hopedale, OH.

A-4061. Administrative Board, Parkersburg UMC, George W. Shindledecker, Chairman, Parkersburg, WV.

A-4062. Victor J. Henderson plus 15 others, Leonidas UMC, Leonidas, MI.

A-4063. Mrs. Jack L. Latch, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-4064. Official Board, Fayetteville UMC, Russell McBroom, Chairman, Fayetteville, AR.
A-4065. Raymond Kobleer, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-4066. Sandra K. Vaughan, Wesley Chapel UMC, Colonial Heights, VA.
A-4067. Rev. J. F. Watson, Southern Illinois Conference.
A-4068. Administrative Board, Orchard UMC, David Willat, Chairperson, Orchard, NB.
A-4069. Mrs. Dorothy L. Weeden, Sidney UMC, Sidney, NY.
A-4070. Rev. David B. Camden, Virginia Conference.
A-4071. Mrs. William Cook, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-4072. Social Concerns Committee, North Canton UMC, T. E. Smith, Chairman, North Canton, OH.
A-4073. Walter Corthell plus 11 others, Pleasant UMC, Tiffon, OH.
A-4074. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Lexington, KY.
A-4075. David E. Swain, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-4076. Mrs. Irma G. Parks, Aldersgate UMC, Marion IL.
A-4077. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.
A-4078. Harriet G. Strunck, Christopher UMC, Christopher, IL.
A-4079. Ecumenical Affairs, Cincinnati UMC, Edward W. Diefenbach, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-4080. Administrative Board, Crawfordsville UMC, Samuel W. Young, Chairman, Crawfordsville, IN.
A-4081. Vivian Rushing plus 19 others, Baars Street UMC, Pensacola, FL.
A-4082. Leila V. Dingle, Trinity UMC, El Cerrito, CA.
A-4083. Kenneth O. Tweed, Jr., Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.
A-4084. James A. Stewart, Karnes City UMC, Karnes City, TX.
A-4085. Administrative Board, First UMC, Alva Taylor, Chairperson, Valier, IL.
A-4086. Administrative Board, Channelview UMC, Robert K. Smith, Member, Channelview, TX.
A-4087. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Bowerston, OH.
A-4088. Rev. Fred H. Brown plus 26 others, Kenedy UMC, Kenedy, TX.
A-4089. Mrs. William Cook, Aldersgate UMC, Marion, IL.
A-4090. Mrs. James Bailey, Sterling UMC, Sterling, NY.
A-4091. UMW, Ringwood UMC, Edythe Foster, Pres., Ringwood, OK.
A-4092. Mrs. Laverne Koustmer, Clough UMC, Amelia, OH.
A-4093. Council on Ministries, Ridgeway UMC, Rosalie Lenthacum, Chairperson, Ridgeway, MO.
A-4094. Gary C. Hardy, Washington Avenue UMC, Columbus, OH.
A-4095. Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, Charles W. Ulmer, Pastor, North Canton, OH.
A-4096. Ann A. Hardy, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.
A-4097. Elizabeth S. Renalds, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.
A-4098. Wooster Parish, New Pittsburg UMC, Wooster, OH.
A-4099. Harold Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4100. Administrative Board, Tarrant UMC, Eugene Sanford, Chairman, Tarrant, AL.
A-4101. Howard J. Johnson, Southwest Texas Conference.
A-4102. Bert M. James plus 15 others, Kennesaw UMC, Kennesaw, GA.
A-4103. Administrative Board, Sesser UMC, James E. Manlces, Chairperson, Sesser, IL.
A-4104. Karen Hintz, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.

A-4105. Administrative Board, Ellaville UMC, Turner N. Williams, Chairman, Ellaville, GA.

A-4106. Strongsville UMC, Mrs. Joyce Moenich, Church Secy., Strongsville, OH.

A-4107. M. Patrick Hintz, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.

A-4108. Administrative Board, First UMC, Belinda B. DeLoach, Waynesboro, GA.

A-4109. Travis B. McNair, Southwest Texas Conference.

A-4110. Administrative Board, Pauls Valley UMC, Jess Lam, Jr., Chairman, Pauls Valley, OK.

A-4111. Administrative Board, San Jacinto UMC, Robert Bryand, Sr., Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

A-4112. Kathryn A. Nonnenberg, Silver Springs UMC, Silver Springs, NY.

A-4113. Apal M. Ellison plus three others, First UMC, Watertown, SD.

A-4114. Mr. and Mrs. Merle Roberts, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.

A-4115. Loren C. Margrave, Herrin UMC, Herrin, IL.

A-4116. Lynn and John Ahren, Marion UMC, Marion, IN.

A-4117. Donna Scott plus 46 others, Fairview UMC, Pinnacle, NC.

A-4118. Administrative Board, Pond Creek UMC, Harry Phelps, Chairman, Pond Creek, OK.

A-4119. Administrative Board, Pilgrim UMC, Howard Williams, Chairperson, St. Johns, MI.

A-4120. Mrs. Ed Johnson, Jr., Peace UMC, Richland Center, WI.

A-4121. Mrs. Raymond Pritt, Columbus UMC, Columbus, OH.

A-4122. Robert D. Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

A-4123. Administrative Board, Woodlawn UMC, Seaborn M. Kiker, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-4124. Mrs. Clifton A. Raeke, Monthalia UMC, Cost, TX.

A-4125. J. L. and M. K. Penfold, Knoxville First UMC, Knoxville, IL.

A-4126. Administrative Board, Louisville UMC, Lois B. Harper plus 19 others, Member, Louisville, IL.

A-4127. Council on Ministries, Littlefield UMC, James L. Jones, Chairman, Littlefield, TX.

A-4128. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4129. Shirley C. Merritt, Potsdam UMC, Potsdam, NY.

A-4130. Mrs. Clifford Raymond, Watertown UMC, Watertown, SD.

A-4131. Administrative Board, Shumway UMC, Roy Rubson, Chairman, Shumway, IL.

A-4132. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Christman, Pennville UMC, Pennville, IN.

A-4133. Administrative Board, Spearman UMC, Garland Head, Chairman, Spearman, TX.

A-4134. Joe and Nancy Hyde, Grace UMC, Hamilton, OH.

A-4135. Administrative Board, Blountstown UMC, Joe McCaskill, Chairman, Blountstown, FL.

A-4136. Floyd and June L. Rogers, Christ UMC, Parkersburg, WV.

A-4137. Jennie E. Clements, Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-4138. Patricia Wattles plus 65 others, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.

A-4139. Mr. and Mrs. James Dozien, Forney UMC, Forney, TX.

A-4140. Mrs. Jacob Bulifant, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-4141. Frederick E. Harwood, Haddon Heights UMC, Haddon Heights, NJ.

A-4142. James and Charlott Miller, Scott UMC, Shipshewana, IN.

A-4143. Administrative Board, Delmar UMC, Paul Elliott, Chairperson, Delmar, DE.

A-4144. Administrative Board, Zion UMC, Lester Wilson, Member, Bucyrus, OH.

A-4145. Administrative Board, Port Norris UMC, Mr. W. Lee, Chairman, Port Norris, NJ.

A-4146. Administrative Board, Yuba City UMC, Clarence A. Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.

A-4147. James W. Burner plus 32 others, Central UMC, Evansville, IN.

A-4148. Administrative Board, Simpson UMC, Francis Willsie, Chairman, Canton, OH.

A-4149. James R. Heaney, Southern Illinois Conference.

A-4150. Administrative Board, East Corinth UMC, Neil F. Crane, Chairman, East Corinth, ME.

A-4151. Halys Cathey plus 18 others, Union Grove UMC, Jonesboro, AR.

A-4152. Flora Hall plus 9 others, Cuba UMC, Cuba, MO.

A-4153. Rev. Daniel R. Remaley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4154. UMW, Victory Memorial UMC, Betty McMurry, Pres., Guymon, OK.

A-4155. Parish Relations Committee, Columbus UMC, Larry E. Bailey, Pastor, Columbus, TX.

A-4156. Administrative Board, Victory Memorial UMC, Gerald T. VanNat, Chairman, Guymon, OK.

A-4157. Administrative Board, Wayside UMC, Howard J. Commons plus 18 others, Chairman, Vienna, WV.

A-4158. Administrative Board, Parfreyville UMC, Mrs. Edna M. Schmidt, Waupaca, WI.

A-4159. Administrative Board, West Lafayette UMC, Mr. Charles Arnold, Chairman, West Lafayette, OH.

A-4160. Mrs. B. O'Banion, Cincinnati UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4161. Frances Virginia Frank, St. Matthews UMC, Belleville, IL.

A-4162. Mr. and Mrs. George F. Grampp, Mountain Home UMC, Mountain Home, AR.

A-4163. Mr. and Mrs. Ed P. Coppodyn, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

A-4164. Bernice N. Koch, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.

A-4165. Administrative Board, Lincoln Avenue UMC, Shadyside, OH.

A-4166. Menniel H. Abbott, Northwest Texas Conference.

A-4167. Daniel J. Lansell, Covenant UMC, Parma, OH.

A-4168. Administrative Board, Henning UMC, Dorothy Perkins, Recording Secy., Sulphur, LA.

A-4169. Ferne C. Coxbill, Atkinson UMC, Atkinson, NB.

A-4170. Administrative Board, Christopher UMC, John Russell, Chairman, Christopher, IL.

A-4171. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Harold H. Zirkel, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-4172. Administrative Board, Boyce UMC, Mary Ellen Hazellet, Secy., East Liverpool, OH.

A-4173. Administrative Board, Lawson UMC, Steven F. Danner, Secy., Lawson, MO.

A-4174. Administrative Board, Warsaw UMC, Edwin Lee plus 11 others, Chairman, Warsaw, OH.

A-4175. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dove, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

A-4176. Robert Minsker, Clarion UMC, Alton, IL.

A-4177. Rev. Theodore I. Hubbard, First UMC, Waverly, NY.

A-4178. Mrs. Theodore Hubbard, First UMC, Waverly, NY.

A-4179. Administrative Board, Cross Keys UMC, Eloise R. Halaway, Secy., Macon, GA.

A-4180. Administrative Board, Saint Matthew UMC, Mrs. L. King, Chairperson, Belleville, IL.

A-4181. Karen Roberts, Mt. View UMC, Damascus, MD.

A-4182. Judy I. Hardy, Washington Avenue UMC, Columbus, OH.

A-4183. Twenty-six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-4184. Ronald E. Brown, New Mexico Conference.

A-4185. Alcesta L. Manns, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

A-4186. Fifteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-4187. Administrative Board, Floresville UMC, P. T. Wright, Chairman, Floresville, TX.

A-4188. Council on Ministries, Aldersgate UMC, James N. Azbill plus 14 others, chairman, Lexington, KY.

A-4189. Administrative Board, Belpre UMC, Floyd E. Hughes, Chairman, Belpre, OH.

A-4190. UMM, Cincinnati UMC, Ralph F. Menning, Pres., Cincinnati, OH.

A-4191. Administrative Board, Mulvane UMC, L. Joyce Carr, Chairperson, Mulvane, KS.

A-4192. Administrative Board, Marathon UMC, Earl Pride, Chairman, Marathon, OH.

A-4193. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-4194. Administrative Board, Wolcott UMC and Mount Gilboa UMC, Tom Durflinger and Harry E. Jackson, Chairman, Wolcott, IN.

A-4195. Mrs. Cecil T. Jennings, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.

A-4196. Helen B. Goff, First UMC, Pineville, LA.

A-4197. UMCYF, Mt. Gilboa UMC, Joyce E. Kruger plus nine others, Pres., Mount Gilboa, Wolcott, IN.

A-4198. Keith A. Wilken, Iowa Conf.

A-4199. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mayer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.

A-4200. Administrative Board, Bannock UMC, J. Carl Lehman, Chairperson, Bannock, OH.

A-4201. Administrative Board, First UMC, Gonzales, LeMont Menking, Chairman, Gonzales, TX.

A-4202. Max E. Nicoson, South Indiana Conference.

A-4203. Phoebe G. Gill, Mt. Carmel UMC, Mt. Carmel, IL.

A-4204. Administrative Board, Main St. UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.

A-4205. Council on Ministries, Tabernacle UMC, Catherine H. Stanley, Vice-Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-4206. UMW, Sidney UMC, Doris S. La Tourette, Pres., Sidney, NY.

A-4207. Administrative Board, Tabernacle UMC, Marvin F. Twiford, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-4208. Kay E. Kroencke, Galena UMC, Galena, IL.

A-4209. Doris S. LaTourette, Sidney UMC, Sidney, NY.

A-4210. God Squad Young Adult Youth Group, Marshallville UMC, Peggy Werntz, Pres., Marshallville, OH.

A-4211. Wayne T. Segars, Oklahoma Annual Conference

Petitions A-4212 through A-4217, entitled "Oppose Study" Petitions, are out of subject content sequence.

A-4212. Ruby Burton, Frankfort UMC, Frankfort, OH.

A-4213. Administrative Board, Campbelltown UMC, Carl E. Cope plus 36 others, Chairman, Campbelltown, PA.

A-4214. Administrative Board, New Hope UMC, James Newton, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.

A-4215. Fred Meier, Annandale UMC, Springfield, VA.

A-4216. Administrative Board, Bethany UMC, Ellen C. Edwards, Secy., Smithfield, VA.

A-4217. Administrative Board, Bethany UMC, Bernard J. Shropshire, Pastor, Somers Point, NJ.

Petitions A-4218 through A-4246, entitled "Oppose Creation and Funding of Study Commission on Human Sexuality," are out of subject content sequence.

A-4218. Administrative Board, St. Mark's UMC, Mrs. Charles Aman, Chairperson, Ocala, FL.

A-4219. Administrative Board, Mt. Hope UMC, Ralph E. Jones plus ten others, Chairman, Cynthiana, KY.

A-4220. Faith E. Brayden, Maynard UMC, Maynard, MA.

A-4221. Gary A. Ziegler, Virginia Conference.

A-4222. Charge Conference, Trinity UMC, Mansfield, OH.

A-4223. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Maurice Webb, Chairman, Rochester, MN.

A-4224. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Frederick C. Cook, Chairperson, Willard, OH.

A-4225. Mrs. Ruth S. Jackson, Wesley UMC, Worcester, MA.

A-4226. Gloria Schroeder, Albright UMC, Wilmore, KY.

A-4227. Administrative Board, First UMC, Troy L. Eriksen, Chairman, St. John, WA.

A-4228. George A. Wright, Tifton First UMC, Tifton, GA.

A-4229. Administrative Board, Howe Memorial UMC, Elizabeth Coward, Chairperson, Crescent City, FL.

A-4230. Harvey and Getty Koch, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4231. Administrative Board, Warrenton UMC, Ermary S. Shirley, Chairman, Warrenton, GA.

A-4232. Mrs. Sherry Faulkner, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4233. Mrs. Pearl R. Fry, Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-4234. Administrative Board, Avant UMC, Jesper F. Gosney, Chairman, Avant, OK.

A-4235. UMM, Jay UMC, C. R. Thornton, Pres., Jay, OK.

A-4236. Administrative Board, Carthage UMC, Carthage, CA.

A-4237. Administrative Board, Ashtabula UMC, Thomas D. Orr, Chairman, Ashtabula, OH.

A-4238. Administrative Board, Youngstown UMC, Youngstown, OH.

A-4239. Administrative Board, Canal Fulton UMC, Canal Fulton, OH.

A-4240. Earl A. Smith, Jr., Wesley Chapel UMC, Petersburg, VA.

A-4241. Council on Ministries, Monticello UMC, James E. Barnes, Chairman, Monticello, KY.

A-4242. Administrative Board, Browning UMC, Preston S. Adkison, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

A-4243. Miss Irene Kunker, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4244. Robert T. Prater, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

A-4245. Esther Circle of Broadway UMC, Betty Shanabrook, Secy., N. Phila., OH.

A-4246. James H. Fry, Sr., Wood's UMC, Petersburg, VA.

Oppose Study Petition A-4247 is out of subject content sequence.

A-4247. Administrative Board, Good Hope UMC, Jacqulin E. Causen, Chairman, Good Hope, OH.

Funding Petitions A-4248 through A-4259 are out of subject content sequence.

A-4248. Administrative Board, Donna FUMC, Donna, TX.

A-4249. Mrs. Benita Sankey, St. Marks UMC, Nora Springs IA.
A-4250. Esther Geil, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-4251. Wednesday Night Prayer Group, Wesley UMC, Borger, TX.
A-4252. Administrative Board, Denver City UMC, David W. Matkins, Pastor, Denver City, TX.
A-4253. Council of Ministries, Cambridge UMC, Daniel D. Carmany, Communicator, Cambridge, OH.
A-4254. Administrative Board, Clough UMC, Robert McElhaney, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
A-4255. Administrative Board, Clapp's Chapel UMC, G. Kenneth Greene, Chairman, Corryton, TN.
A-4256. James R. Roberts, Wesley UMC, Borger, TX.
A-4257. UMM, Ketchum UMC, M. T. Montgomery, President, Ketchum, OK.
A-4258. Administrative Board, Galena UMC, Evelyn Redfearn, Secy., Galena, IL.
A-4259. W. Robert Bill, Pennville UMC, Pennville, IN.

Oppose Study petitions A-4260 and A-4261 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4260. Mrs. J. K. Juergensmeyer, Carlenville UMC, Carlenville, IL.
A-4261. Dail Applegate plus 22 others, Cheyenne UMC, Luray, KS.

Oppose Study Petitions A-4262 thru A-4267 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4262. Mrs. Percy A. Schultz, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.
A-4263. Agnes L. Smith, Nora Springs UMC, Nora Springs, IA.
A-4264. David Dorsett, Millbank UMC, Millbank, SD.
A-4265. Fenton C. St. John, East Ohio Conference.
A-4266. Delores Desmuke, Charlotte UMC, Charlotte, TX.
A-4267. Men's Bible Class, St. Paul's UMC, Russell Snyder, President, Ocean Grove, NJ.
A-4268. Administrative Board, Bismarck UMC, Bismarck, ND.

Oppose Funding Petitions A-4269 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4269. Administrative Board, Level Cross and New Hope UMC's, James W. White plus 85 others, Dobson, NC.

Oppose Study Petitions A-4270 and A-4271 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4270. Administrative Board, Haynesville UMC, Maurice J. Birdwell, Secy., Haynesville, LA.
A-4271. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

Oppose Study Petition A-4272 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4272. Mrs. Donna Rogers, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

Oppose Study Petition A-4273 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4273. Administrative Board, Tullahoma UMC, Marshall Brown, Chairman, Tullahoma, TN.

Oppose Funding Petitions A-4274 thru 4288 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4274. Mrs. Don Melvin plus one other, Greenville UMC, Greenville, PA.
A-4275. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Elbat Mubas, Chairman, Milton, OR.
A-4276. Administrative Board, Richwood UMC, Patrivia Y. Zee, Chairman, Richwood, NJ.

A-4277. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Rufus Silvus, Chairperson, plus one other, McConnelsville, OH.
A-4278. Mrs. Edith Gorgodian, Collingswood UMC, Cherry Hill, NJ.
A-4279. Mrs. Howard Summerfield, Collingswood UMC, Oaklyn, NJ.
A-4280. Mary Ellen Kegel, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.
A-4281. William F. Kegel, Mt. Fern UMC, Randolph, NJ.
A-4282. Fred Payne, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-4283. Mrs. Grace Terwilliger, Sidney UMC, Sidney, NY.
A-4284. Marilyn Y. Dorsett, Milbank UMC, Milbank, SD.
A-4285. Administrative Board, Mt. View UMC, Elmer Weiss, Chairman, Mt. View, OK.
A-4286. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Brevoort, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-4287. Audrey G. Bill, Pennville UMC, Pennville, IN.
A-4288. Administrative Board, Georgia UMC, Kenneth W. Grenier, Chairman, St. Albans, VT.

Oppose Study Petition A-4289 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4289. Council on Ministries, Relief UMC, Elwands Luttrell, Secy., Winchester, VA.

Oppose Study Petition A-4290 thru A-4314 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4290. Mrs. Jane Pullen, Tabernacle UMC, Fredricksburg, VA.
A-4291. Administrative Board, Uhrichsville UMC, Daniel D. Carmany, Pastor, Uhrichsville, OH.
A-4292. Zoa C. Straw, Ravenna UMC, Seattle, WA.
A-4293. Administrative Board, Franklin UMC, T. Jeff Bowman, Vice-Chairman, Franklin, WV.
A-4294. Milton H. Harvey, Haddonfield UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.
A-4295. Jay T. Latch, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-4296. Mrs. Lloyd G. Hartwell, Gueydan UMC, Gueydan, LA.
A-4297. V. R. Schmalbach, Arnolia UMC, Towson, MD.
A-4298. L. E. Sackman, North Dakota Conference.
A-4299. Patrick L. Hartwell, Gueydan UMC, Gueydan, LA.
A-4300. Mrs. Marlene Hudnall, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.
A-4301. Grace SS Class, Grace UMC, Reuben Alberding, Teacher, Hastings, NB.
A-4302. UMW, Phillipsburg UMC, Maretta M. Weisel, President, Phillipsburg, NJ.
A-4303. Art Carlson, Arnold UMC, Arnold, NE.
A-4304. Alfred D. Adkins, La Belle View UMC, Steubenville, OH.
A-4305. Lola Beth Dee, Pompano UMC, Pompano, FL.
A-4306. Administrative Board, Coral Gables UMC, James Peck, Secy., Miami, FL.
A-4307. Administrative Board, Corinth UMC, Frank Lemarr, Chairman, Knoxville, TN.
A-4308. Administrative Board, Central UMC, Ms. Jean Nelson, Secy., Milbank, SD.
A-4309. Robert S. Sprague, Fritz Memorial UMC, Easton, PA.
A-4310. Administrative Board, Lockport UMC, Eugene D. Bruce, Chairperson, Lockport, KY.
A-4311. Council on Ministries, Spring Grove UMC, and Laurel UMC, Margaret Spurgeon and Leonard Gibson, Chairmen, New Richmond, OH.
A-4312. Administrative Board, Malvern UMC, Susan P. Lewis, Secy., Malvern, OH.
A-4313. Jim and Carol Morrison, Chandlersville UMC, Chandlersville, OH.

A-4314. Administrative Board, Sabinal UMC, Philip C. Dibrell, Pastor, Sabinal, TX.

Oppose Funding Petitions A-4315 thru A-4329 are out of subject content sequence.

A-4315. Wesley Fellowship Class, Tampa UMC, Jim A. Tyler, President, Tampa, FL.

A-4316. Bill Razor plus one other, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4317. Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Reuschling, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

A-4318. Mrs. Helen Day, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

A-4319. Win One S.S.C., New Haven UMC, John Campbell, teacher, New Haven, WV.

A-4320. UMW, Good Shepherd UMC, Park Ridge, IL.

A-4321. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Gordon and Neva Martin, Chairmen, Rochester, MN.

A-4322. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Wallace E. MacDonald, Chairman, Phillipsburg, NJ.

A-4323. UMW, Kennard UMC, Thelma Gruber, President, Greenville, PA.

A-4324. Administrative Board, Art UMC, Howard J. Johnson, Pastor, Art, TX.

A-4325. Commission on Ministries, Dunbar UMC, Dunbar, WV.

A-4326. Administrative Board, Dunn Loring UMC, Frederick Cox, Chairman, Dunn Loring, VA.

A-4327. Administrative Board, Skiatook UMC, Richard Arnodt, Chairman, Skiatook, OK.

A-4328. Gary Bogard, Fla. Annual Conference.

A-4329. UMW, Trinity UMC, Mansfield, OH.

Oppose Study Petitions A-4330 thru A-4331 are out of subject content sequence.

A-4330. Carlisle Clewis, Hyde Park UMC, Tampa, FL.

A-4331. Douglas A. Griggs plus 15 others, Kingston UMC, Kingston, OK.

Oppose Study Petitions A-4332 thru A-4342 are out of subject content sequence.

A-4332. Joseph M. Davis, Central Zaire Annual Conference transferring to Kentucky Annual Conference.

A-4333. Martha Moutz, Wilmore UMC, Wilmore, KY.

A-4334. Administrative Board, Versailles UMC, John Buck, Chairman, Versailles, MO.

A-4335. Mrs. Letha Nantz, Beech Fork UMC, Helton, KY.

A-4336. Fannie and Asa W. Kilmon, Christ UMC, Newport News, VA.

A-4337. Administrative Board, Mt. Vernon UMC, Carl Allinger plus 11 others, Minister.

A-4338. Administrative Board, Mt. Tabor UMC, Paul Crooks, Minister, Canton, OH.

A-4339. Advance S. S. C., Olton UMC, Mrs. J. L. Snider, Teacher, Olton, TX.

A-4340. Homebuilders SSC, Olton UMC, Maxine Singleterry plus 20 others, Olton, TX.

A-4341. Geneva Felker plus 44 others, Dewey Ave. UMC, Granite City, IL.

A-4342. Sixty-nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list is on file in the petition secretary office.

Oppose Study Petition A-4343 is out of subject content sequence.

A-4343. Administrative Board, Gibson UMC, Leonard Wasson, Chairman, Gibson, OK.

Oppose Funding Petitions A-4344 thru A-4352 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4344. Mrs. Earl Coxbill, Atkinson UMC, Atkinson, NB.
A-4345. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4346. Blaine L. Mayer, Covenant UMC, Parma, OH.
A-4347. Irene Kiester plus 36 others, Basehor UMC, Basehor, KS.
A-4348. Roger P. Henize, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-4349. Damon K. Hilton, Waldoboro UMC, Waldoboro, ME.
A-4350. Curt and Kathy Castleberg, Madison UMC, Madison, WI.
A-4351. Administrative Board, Brookville UMC, Dale H. Miller plus 12 others.
A-4352. Administrative Board, Easton UMC, Marshallville, OH.

Oppose Study Petition A-4353 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4353. Mrs. D. L. Givens Plus 61 members, Olton UMC, Olton, TX.

Oppose Funding Petition A-4354 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4354. Mr. O. H. Curry, Sr., St. Andrew UMC, Little Rock, AR.

Oppose Study Petitions A-4355 through 4363 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4355. Administrative Board, Wesley Chapel UMC, Malcom Reeves, Chairman, Petersburg, VA.
A-4356. Council on Ministries, Woods UMC, Amrs. Wall, Chairperson, Arnold, NB.
A-4357. Administrative Board, Bethesda UMC, Glenwood King, Chairman, Damascus, MD.
A-4358. Administrative Board, Cheyenne UMC, Roy Chatham and seven others, Luray, KS.
A-4359. Administrative Board, Minden UMC, Jerry Price, Secy., Minden, LA.
A-4360. Richard E. Gantz, Florida Conference.
A-4361. Council on Ministries, Olton UMC, Ray Kinnis, Chairperson, Olton, TX.
A-4362. George F. Platts, Ormond Beach FUMC, Ormond Beach, FL.
A-4363. Robert O. Fraley, Epworth UMC, Tulsa, OK.

Oppose Funding Petition A-4364 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4364. Administrative Board, Farina UMC, Howard T. Hebron, Chairman, Farina, IL.

Oppose Study Petitions A-4365 through A-4366 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4365. Robert Stull, Mullberry St. UMC, Wilmore, KY.
A-4366. Administrative Board, Olton UMC, Willi Green, Chairman, Olton, TX.

Oppose Funding Petition A-4367 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4367. Fotid Ford, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

Oppose Study Petition A-4368 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4368. Administrative Board, No. Adams UMC, Lois Bohn, Chairperson, No. Adams, MI.

Oppose Funding Petitions A-4369 through A-4397 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4369. Mary Martha Circle, New Philadelphia UMC, Mary K. Stocker, Secy., New Philadelphia, OH.

A-4370. Administrative Board, Breenwood UMC, Delton Cook, Chairman, Mulkeytown, IL.
A-4371. Rev. O. A. Gehring, South Dakota Conference.
A-4372. Administrative Board, St. John UMC, Troy L. Eriksen, Chairman, St. John, WA.
A-4373. Christian Concerns Tabernacle UMC, George W. Hess, Chairman, Cape May, NJ.
A-4374. Jack L. Latch, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-4375. Jerry L. Hatfield, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-4376. Dwight E. Kleist, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
A-4377. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Bev. F. Miller, chairman, plus 13 others, Marion, IN.
A-4378. Jeanne Frisbie plus eight others, Gypsum UMC, Salina, KS.
A-4379. Rita L. King, Herrin UMC, Herrin, IL.
A-4380. Ronald L. Rearic, Grace UMC, Uhrichsville, OH.
A-4381. Art. Carlson, Arnold UMC, Arnold, NB.
A-4382. Administrative Board, Main Ave. UMC, Judith Emerson, Chairman, Byesville, OH.
A-4383. Dr. Ray P. Landsdowne, Asbury UMC, Wichita, KS.
A-4384. Wilbur A. Smith plus one other, Columbus UMC, Columbus, OH.
A-4385. Mrs. Robert Schmalbach, Arnolia UMC, Towson, MD.
A-4386. Paul B. Gray plus one other, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4387. Mrs. Lillian Thompson, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.
A-4388. Administrative Board, Centralia UMC, Dwight M. Stomsciphor, Chairman, Centralia, IL.
A-4389. Administrative Board, Bellevue UMC, Donald W. Folk, chairman, plus seven others, Bellevue, OH.
A-4390. Administrative Board, Goshen UMC, David Stephens, member, Goshen, OH.
A-4391. Trinity SSC, York UMC, Ruth P. Walter, Teacher, York, PA.
A-4392. Mrs. A. Everhard, Brooktown UMC, Brooktown, NJ.
A-4393. Administrative Board, Russelville UMC, Dorothy Inskeep, Chairman, Russellville, OH.
A-4394. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Erickson, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4395. Mrs. S. M. Pickett, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-4396. Doris M. Ford, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.
A-4397. Allen E. Schmitt, Haddonfield UMC, Haddonfield, NJ.

Oppose Study Petition A-4398 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4398. Administrative Board, Unicoi UMC, Larna Gundstaff, Secy., Unicoi, TX.

Oppose Funding Petition A-4399 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4399. Mavis DeFreise, Grace UMC, Ruston, LA.

Oppose Study Petitions A-4400 through A-4403 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4400. Council on Ministries, Means Memorial UMC, James Craddock, Chairman, Andrews, TX.
A-4401. UMW, Miami Springs UMC, Jean Sweetapple president, Miami Springs, FL.
A-4402. Mrs. Rachel Noble, Beverly UMC, Beverly, KY.
A-4403. Mrs. Marvin M. Seyfang, Frankfort UMC, Frankfort, OH.

Oppose Funding Petition A-4404 is out of subject content sequence.

A-4404. Administrative Board, Peace UMC, Robert Kemp, Chairman, Louisville, OH.

Oppose Study Petition A-4405 is out of subject content sequence.
A-4405. Mr. and Mrs. Bert W. LeCrone, Madera UMC, Madera, CA.

Oppose Funding Petitions A-4406 through A-4424 are out of subject content sequence.
A-4406. Administrative Board, Bellevue UMC, Donald W. Falk, Chairman, Bellevue, OH.
A-4407. Administrative Board, Wichita UMC, Brian Sullivan, Chairman, Wichita, KS.
A-4408. Carolyn Gibson, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
A-4409. UMW, Taos UMC, Jody Romero, President, Taos, NM.
A-4410. Ruth Circle, Broadway UMC, Helen M. Youngen and 10 others, Secy., New Philadelphia, OH.
A-4411. Administrative Board, Park UMC, Joseph J. Uher, Chairperson, Coshocton, OH.
A-4412. Mrs. Lura Nugent, Otterbein UMC, Vinita, OK.
A-4413. Mrs. Eugene Goen, Austin UMC, Frankfort, OH.
A-4414. Mrs. Emma Hamilton, Shumway UMC, Shumway, IL.
A-4415. Lura May and Harold L. Cassedy, East Boothbay UMC, East Boothbay, ME.
A-4416. Donald Teter, Franklin UMC, Morgantown, WV.
A-4417. Mrs. Grace L. Layne, Madison Heights UMC, Madison Heights, VA.
A-4418. Friendship SSC, Olympia Heights UMC, Roland Tomasetti plus 31 others, Miami, FL.
A-4419. R. R. Bourgeois, Mt. Fern UMC, Flanders, NJ.
A-4420. Social Concerns, Pratt UMC, Anna Jean Wilson, member, plus 15, Pratt, KS.
A-4421. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Marshallville, OH.
A-4422. Pearla M. Smith, Barnsboro UMC, Barnsboro, NJ.
A-4423. Administrative Board, Basehor UMC, Dwight K. Runnels, President, Basehor, KS.
A-4424. Howard D. Summerfield, Oaklyn UMC, Oaklyn, NJ.
A-4425. Request Clearer Statement on Death with Dignity. Seekers S. S. Class of Decatur UMC, Warren Allen, President, Atlanta, GA.
A-4426. Approve Proposed Amend Par. 72E Death with Dignity. Administrative Board of Sudley UMC, John A. Ferguson, Chairman, Catharpin, VA.

Petitions Nos. A-4427 through A-4432 have been entitled "Retain Present Statement on Death, Oppose Amendment Death with Dignity." They are not identical, but similar in content.
A-4427. Council on Ministries, Tabernacle UMC, Catherine H. Stanley, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.
A-4428. Administrative Board, Tabernacle UMC, Marvin F. Twiford, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.
A-4429. Delbert A. McBroom, First UMC of De Soto, De Soto, MO.
A-4430. Administrative Board, Tabernacle UMC, Marvin F. Twiford, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.
A-4431. Administrative Board, Lowell Robert, Chairman, East Lansing, MI.
A-4432. Administrative Board, New Hope UMC, Wesley Ummel, Pastor, Arnold, MO.

A-4433. Modification of Laws on Embalming. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

A-4434. Study on the Redefinition of Death. Western Pennsylvania Conference and Council on Ministries, Glenn Bruce Kohlhepp, Secretary, Mars, PA.

Petitions A-4435 to A-4440 inclusive are titled "Oppose Euthanasia."
A-4435. James Walley, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4436. Mrs. James Walley, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4437. Mrs. Ford Mitchell, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4438. 47 identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-4439. Theresa A. Raffa, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4440. Patricia J. Mercer Dugan, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

A-4441. Abortion. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.
A-4442. Statement on Euthanasia. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.
A-4443. Amendment to Present Statement on Abortion. Administrative Board, Sudley UMC, John A. Ferguson, Chairperson, Catharpin, VA.
A-4444. Affirm Right to Life. Wilda Looney, plus 17 others, Broadway UMC, Springfield, MO.
A-4445. Delete Statements on Abortion. Administrative Board, Benson UMC, Robert Brannock, Chairperson, Berry, KY.
A-4446. Amendment to Statement on Abortion. James L. Penfold, Jr. and Karmen J. Penfold, UMC, Fort Lupton, CO.
A-4447. No Stated Stand on Abortion. Wayne County Parish Men's Club, W. C. McLellond, Member, plus 29 others, Waynesboro, MS.
A-4448. Limited Support of Abortion. Michael J. Brzoza, plus others, UMC, East Canton, OH.
Petitions Nos. A-4449 through A-4534 have been entitled "Oppose Abortion." They are not identical, but similar in content.
A-4449. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Dunbar, WV.
A-4450. La Verne A. Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4451. John A. Mason, UMC, Barboursville, WV.
A-4452. Raymond Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4453. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4454. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4455. James Walley, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4456. Mrs. James Walley, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4457. Joint Council on Ministries, Dwayne Davis, Chairman, Hope, ND.
A-4458. Therisa A. Raffa, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4459. Frank Ball, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.
A-4460. Administrative Board, Rhonda Seacrest, Chairman, North Platt, NB.
A-4461. Wanda Sue Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.
A-4462. 27 identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-4463. Kenneth A. Maynard, UMC, Dukedom, TN.
A-4464. William D. Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.
A-4465. Cheryl Fugue, UMC, Jingo, KY.
A-4466. Mrs. Kenneth A. Maynard, UMC, Dukedom, TN.
A-4467. Mr. and Mrs. John R. McClanahan, Crutchfield UMC, Crutchfield, KY.
A-4468. Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Gray, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4469. Charles and Carolyn Poole, Hundred UMC, Hundred, WV.
A-4470. Clesta Weaver, Fairview UMC, Bloomington, IN.
A-4471. Administrative Board, Charles B. Merrill, Chairman, Lebanon, IN.
A-4472. Mr. and Mrs. Curt Castleberg, UMC, Madison, WI.

A-4473. Mrs. H. P. Broce, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-4474. Mr. and Mrs. James Wolfe, Bethany UMC, New Middletown, IN.
A-4475. Administrative Board, Lois B. Harper, Member, plus 19 others, Louisville, IL.
A-4476. Administrative Board, Robert McColm, President, Bucklin, KS.
A-4477. Oscar Meyer, plus 1 other, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4478. Harold Meyer, Trinity UMC of Elk Mound, WI.
A-4479. Mrs. Stella Bledsoe, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.
A-4480. Administrative Board, Charles Gilbert, Chairperson, Covington, VA.
A-4481. David and Lynn Dummer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4482. H. Frank Holman, M. D., Centenary UMC, Belleville, IL.
A-4483. Clarence B. Wildes, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4484. Helen Dixon, Florence UMC, Independence, KY.
A-4485. Work Area on Social Concerns of North Decatur UMC, Robert C. Clayton, Chairman, Decatur, GA.
A-4486. Oliver P. Bozeman, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4487. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.
A-4488. Administrative Board, Elmer L. Baues, Chairman, St. Louis, MO.
A-4489. Mrs. Frank Ball, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.
A-4490. Manassas Charge Conference, Paul Allen Beighley, III, Pastor, Manassas, VA.
A-4491. Debby Houston, Erlanger UMC, Erlanger, KY.
A-4492. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-4493. Ila A. Kitchen, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4494. Tony and Scarlet Bennett, UMC, Crutchfield, KY.
A-4495. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Meyer, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4496. Solon B. and Leslie M. Ducker, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4497. Forty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-4498. William Dixon, Florence UMC, Independence, KY.
A-4499. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shipley, Steele UMC, Steele, ND.
A-4500. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Veatch, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4501. Ella Pearl Bethel, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.
A-4502. Rev. William H. Cunningham, South California and Nevada Conference.
A-4503. Dorothy Trifunovic, UMC, Middletown, OH.
A-4504. Cloyce Veatch, UMC, Clinton, KY.
A-4505. David J. Gleespun, UMC, Marion, OH.
A-4506. Administrative Board, Reverend James O'Dell, plus 3 others, Macy, IN.
A-4507. Mrs. Joe Young, plus two others, UMC, Covington, VA.
A-4508. Mrs. Jeanne Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.
A-4509. UMW, Calvary UMC, Brownsburg, IN.
A-4510. Administrative Board, Paupack UMC, Richard Hunter, Chairman, Paupack, PA.
A-4511. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shipley, UMC, Steele, ND.
A-4512. Mrs. L. P. Montgomery, UMC, Lafayette, LA.
A-4513. Donald R. Starnes, UMC, Yuma, CO.
A-4514. Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Cleius, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4515. Administrative Board, Warren L. Reed, Chairman, Convoy, OH.
A-4516. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.
A-4517. Mrs. Lavine Oweneby, New Hope UMC, Martin, TN.
A-4518. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Score, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4519. Mildred Bozeman, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

A-4520. Patricia Jeanne Mercer Dugan, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4521. Allen Batson, Asbury UMC, Oklahoma City, OK.
A-4522. Woodrow Lilly, Trinity UMC, Elk Mound, WI.
A-4523. Dale and Margaret Johnson, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.
A-4524. Daniel and Carla Labus, University UMC, Wichita, KS.
A-4525. Maxine Davidson, Fairview UMC, Bloomington, IN.
A-4526. Defiance District UMW, Marjorie Byroads, President, Bryan, OH.
A-4527. Mrs. S. M. Pickett, Centenary UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-4528. James and Audrey Walter, UMC, Madison, WI.
A-4529. Katherine H. Chalk, First UMC, Morehead City, NC.
A-4530. Clarence F. Avey, Southern New England Conference.
A-4531. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairman, Barnesville, OH.
A-4532. Mrs. Harmon L. Monroe, UMC, Erwin, TN.
A-4533. Council on Ministries, Jarrett Memorial UMC, Mary Ann McClure, Chairperson, Elkview, WV.
A-4534. Mrs. T. J. Moore, Water Valley, KY.
A-4535. A Resolution on Abortion, Amend Par. 72D on Social Principles of Birth or Death. Minnesota Annual Conference, Milton R. Lentz, Conference Secretary.
A-4536. Reconsider the Matter of Abortion. Betty Heacox, Calvary UMC, Brownburg, IN.
A-4537. Retain Present Statement on Abortion. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.
A-4538. Restriction on Abortion. Everett L. Barta, plus one other, Steele UMC, Steele, ND.
A-4539. Retain Stand on Abortion. D. E. Cunningham, M. D., UMC, St. Albans, WV.
A-4540. Retain Present Statement on Birth and Death, Regarding Abortion. Council on Ministries, Tabernacle UMC, Catherine H. Stanley, Chairman, Fredericksburg, VA.

Petitions Nos. A-4541 through A-4546 have been entitled "Support Legal Right of Abortion." They are not identical, but similar in content.
A-4541. Administrative Board, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.
A-4542. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.
A-4543. Virginia Davis, Wesley UMC, Charleston, IL.
A-4544. UMC of Titusville, Titusville, PA.
A-4545. Mr. Jean Adamson, Epworth UMC.
A-4546. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretary.
A-4547—A-4549. (Numbers not used)
A-4550. Oppose Abortion. Administrative Board, Mt. Zion UMC, Joe H. Bodine, Chairman, Wilmore, KY.
A-4551—A-4552. (Numbers not used)
A-4553. Promote Teaching of Christian Example in Community Work. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.
A-4554. Miscellaneous Resolutions. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Union UMC, Boston, MA.
A-4555. Continue the Emphasis to the Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples. The Yellowstone Annual Conference, James E. Dickinson, Secretary, Buffalo, WY.
A-4556. Ministries in Social Conflict. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.
A-4557. Deny Request for Funds for Ethnic Caucuses. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

A-4558. Bishops' Call for Peace and the Development of Peoples. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secretary, Washington, DC.

A-4559. Encourage School Boards to Include Contribution by Non-white Minority Groups. Ivy Down, First UMC, Loomis, CA.

A-4560. Appropriation for Programs of Ethnic Minority Church. Strategy Committee of Ethnic Local Church Consultation Task Force, Joel N. Martinez, Chairman, New York, NY.

A-4561. Exploitation of Africans. Maine Annual Conference, Linwood R. Arnold, Secretary, Newport, ME.

A-4562. The American Indians. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-4563. Project Equality. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

A-4564. The United Methodist Church and Race. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-4565. Human Development. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

A-4566. Endorse Program of National Project Equality. The General Commission on Religion and Race, Woodie W. White, Executive Secretary.

A-4567. Human Rights. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal. Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

A-4568. The United Methodist Church and Human Rights. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-4569. Drive for Help for Persecuted Christians. Administrative Board, Center Moriches UMC, Alex Schiffelbian, Chairman, Center Moriches, NY.

A-4570. The Rights of Non-Women, Non-Aging, Non-Youth, Children, and Non-Minority Persons. Franklin Blackstone, Jr., Salem UMC, Wexford, PA.

A-4571. Retain Present Statement on Social Principles on the Rights of Children. Administrative Board, Gale Jaroe, plus 10 others, Iuka, KS.

A-4572. Children and Their Welfare and Health Care. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-4573. Rights of Students. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

A-4574. Retain 73C Rights of Children. Manassas Charge Conference, Paul Allen Beighley, III, Pastor, Manassas, VA.

A-4575. Housing for the Aging. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-4576. Concerning the Rights of Students. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

A-4577. Flexible Retirement. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, President, New York, NY.

A-4578. Rights of the Elderly. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

A-4579. Membership of Women on Coordinating Committee on Hunger. Commission on Status of Women in UMC, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

A-4580. Elimination of Sexist Reference to God. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Lakeland, FL.

A-4581. Rights of Women. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

A-4582. Endorse US National Women's Agenda. Kathy Swift plus 11 others, First UMC, Georgetown, TX.

A-4583. Equal Rights of Women. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

A-4584. Equal Rights of Women. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

A-4585. Oppose Passage of Equal Rights Amendment. Administrative Board, Paupack UMC, J. Richard Hunter, Chairman, Hawley, PA.

A-4586. Discourage Passage of ERA Amendment. Katherine H. Chalk, First UMC, Morehead City, NC.

A-4587. Health, Welfare, and Human Development. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, DC.

A-4588. Oppose Equal Rights Amendment. Mrs. Helen H. Gunn, Versailles UMC, Versailles, MO.

A-4589. Ad Hoc Interboard Committee on Mental Retardation. Thomas Lyle Lane, Jr., Yellowstone Conference.

A-4590. Examinations for Students Planning to Serve the Sick and the Helpless. Ruth Underwood, Amelia UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4591. Concerns for the Handicapped. Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference, James K. Sasaki, Conference Secretary.

A-4592. Human Dignity of Physically Handicapped Persons. Southern California-Arizona Conference, James K. Sasaki, Conference Secretary.

A-4593. Responsible Parenthood. Women's Division, Hazel Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-4594. Responsible Parenthood, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

A-4595. Population. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

A-4596. Rapid Population Growth. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secretary, Washington, DC.

A-4597. Approve Use of Birth Control Methods Ensure. First UMC of Huntington Park, Russell Brown, Huntington Park, VA.

A-4598. Amendment to Resolution on Population. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

A-4599. Oppose Advertising of Contraceptive Techniques on TV. Mr. and Mrs. John King, UMC of Chapel Hill, South Fulton, TN.

A-4600. Approve Advertising of Contraceptive Techniques. Mrs. Jeanne Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.

A-4601. Oppose Advertising of Contraceptive Techniques. David J. Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.

Petitions Nos. A-4602 to A-4612 inclusive are titled "Oppose Advertising of Contraceptive Techniques on TV."

A-4602. Mr. and Mrs. Pharis, plus two others, Wesley UMC, Fulton, KY.

A-4603. S. J. Walker, UMC of Fulton, Fulton, KY.

A-4604. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Dunbar, WV.

A-4605. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-4606. Dorothy Reams, New Hope UMC, Martin, TN.

A-4607. Administrative Board, Robert McCoen, President, Bucklin, KS.

A-4608. Administrative Board of Evangelical UMC, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.

A-4609. St. Lukes UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

A-4610. Mr. and Mrs. Davis L. Dixon, Mr. Kirk Dixon and Mrs. Richard Thomas, UMC, Fulton, KY.

A-4611. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halman, UMC, Union City, TN.

A-4612. Mary Nanney, UMC of Martin, Martin, TN.

Petitions Nos. A-4613 to A-4625 inclusive are titled "Oppose use of Addictive Drugs."

A-4613. William D. Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.

A-4614. Ida A. Kitchen, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4615. Robert J. Owens, Ridgedale UMC, Chattanooga, TN.
A-4616. Mrs. T. J. Moore, UMC, Water Valley, KY.
A-4617. Palisade Church Conference, Elaine Peterson, Secretary, Palisade, NB.
A-4618. Kenneth A. Maynard, UMC, Dukedom, TN.
A-4619. Mr. and Mrs. John King, UMC of Chapel Hill, South Fulton, TN.
A-4620. Hazel and David Howell, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4621. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray Pharis, Wesley UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4622. Rich Harper, plus 46 others, Louisville UMC, Louisville, IL.
A-4623. Wanda Sue Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.
A-4624. Gleaners' Class, Edna R. Morgan, Teacher, De Soto, MO.
A-4625. Nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

Petitions Nos. A-4626 to A-4642 inclusive are titled "Oppose Decriminalization of Marijuana."
A-4626. Mrs. Cloyce Veatch, UMC, Clinton, KY.
A-4627. UMW, Dorothy M. Ashford, President, Granite City, IL.
A-4628. Scarlet Bennett, UMC, Crutchfield, KY.
A-4629. Mr. and Mrs. John R. McCleanahan, Crutchfield UMC, Crutchfield, KY.
A-4630. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Veatch, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4631. Administrative Board of Nameoki UMC, Carl Thronsberry, Chairman, Granite City, IL.
A-4632. David J. Gleespen, Prospect UMC, Marion, OH.
A-4633. Mrs. Jeanne Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.
A-4634. Cheryl Fuqua, UMC, Hingo, KY.
A-4635. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Dunbar, WV.
A-4636. Administrative Board of FUMC, Rhonda Seacrest, Chairman, North Platte, NB.
A-4637. Administrative Board of the Evangelical UMC, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.
A-4638. Mr. and Mrs. Davis L. Dixon, Mr. Kirk Dixon and Mrs. Richard Thomas, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4639. Dorothy Reams, New Hope UMC, Martin, TN.
A-4640. Administrative Board, Theodore E. Mott, Chairman, Linwood, NJ.
A-4641. Gleaners' Class, Edna R. Morgan, Teacher, De Soto, MO.
A-4642. S. J. Walker, UMC of Fulton, Fulton, KY.
A-4643. Uphold Law which Prohibits Use or Possession of Marijuana. Council on Ministries, Jarrett Memorial UMC, Mary Ann McClure, Chairperson, Elkview, WV.
A-4644. Oppose Legislation Legalizing Marijuana. Administrative Board, Rev. Robert Fortier, Honey Brook, PA.
A-4645. Marijuana. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.
A-4646. Oppose Removal of Criminal Penalties for Marijuana. UMC of Titusville, Titusville, PA.
A-4647. Stronger Statement on use of Tobacco. Center Moriches UMC, Administrative Board, Alex S. Schiffelbian, Chairman, Center Moriches, NY.
A-4648. Legislation to Control Advertising of Beverage Alcohol. Florida Annual Conference, Walter T. Cross, Conference Secretary, New Port Richey, FL.
A-4649. Support Laws to Suspend License of Drunken Driver. William R. Angle, Kendall UMC, Miami, FL.

A-4650. Concern for Problems Related to Alcohol. Harry W. Beardsley, Grace UMC, West Des Moines, IA.

A-4651. Abolish Advertising of Alcoholic Beverages. B. L. DeVane, Arlington UMC, Jacksonville, FL.

A-4652. Alcoholic Beverage Advertising. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Charles Franke, Chairperson, Lansing, MI.

Petitions Nos. A-4653 through A-4655 have been entitled "Abstinence of Alcohol for Church Members and Ministries." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4653. Barbara Harrison plus 47 others, Louisville UMC, Louisville, IL.

A-4654. Administrative Board of the Evangelical UMC, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.

A-4655. Florida Annual Conference, Walter T. Cross, Conference Secretary, New Port Richey, FL.

A-4656. Statement on Alcoholism. Wisconsin Conference, William Stevens, Conference Secretary, WI.

A-4657. Renew Commitment to Abstinence. Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference, Lloyd A. Kimbrough, Secretary, Marianna, FL.

A-4658. Total Abstinence. J. L. Delaplain, Fittstown UMC, Stonewall, OK.

A-4659. Oppose Alcohol. Robert C. Hickle, Iowa Annual Conference.

A-4660. Total Abstinence from Alcohol and Drugs, J. L. Delaplain, Fittstown UMC, Stonewall, OK.

A-4661. Include Opposition to use of Alcohol. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

Petitions Nos. A-4662 through A-4665 have been entitled "Abstinence from Alcoholic Beverage." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4662. Rev. Franklin P. Frye, Southern New England Conference.

A-4663. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4664. J. L. Delaplain, Fittstown UMC, Stonewall, OK.

A-4665. Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.

A-4666. Oppose Use of Alcohol. Lester L. Moore, Iowa Conference.

A-4667. Reaffirm Opposition to Beverage Alcohol. Administrative Board, First UMC, Charlotte M. Lattimer, Chairman, Largo, FL.

A-4668. Promotion of Temperance. Mrs. R. C. Scott, Trinity UMC, Berkeley, CA.

Petitions Nos. A-4669 through A-4671 have been entitled "Education on Alcohol Abuse."

A-4669. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4670. Detroit Annual Conference, John Bray, Secretary, MI.

A-4671. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4672. Alcoholic Beverage Advertising. West Michigan Annual Conference, Lawrence R. Taylor, Conference Secretary.

A-4673. Assemble and Communicate Facts on Alcohol Advertising. West Michigan Annual Conference, Lawrence R. Taylor, Conference Secretary.

A-4674. Division on Alcohol Use and Abuse. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4675. Special Days without Offering Drug and Alcohol Sunday. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secretary, Washington, DC.

A-4676. Re-establish General Board of Temperance. Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.

A-4677. Liaison with American Council on Alcohol Problems. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4678. A Bicentennial Resolution on Beverage Alcohol. Members of the Kansas Delegation to General Conference. Merwin R. Kurtz, member, plus 57 others, Ottawa, KS.

A-4679. Nationalization of Alcoholic Beverage Industry. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

A-4680. Urge Labelling Alcoholic Beverages. Dulaney Barrett, Oklahoma Conference.

A-4681. Return to the Statement on Alcohol in '68 Discipline. LaVerne Coonley plus 85 others, Community UMC, Elyria, OH.

A-4682. Return to 1968 Statement on Beverage Alcohol. Mary M. Fowl plus 95 others, Glendale UMC, Elyria, OH.

A-4683. Retain Present Statement on Alcohol Par. 73, I. Administrative Board, Rhonda Seacrest, Chairman, North Platte, NB.

A-4684. Oppose Sale and/or Use of Alcoholic Beverages or Tobacco on Church Property. Wyoming Annual Conference, Edwin C. Schumacher, Secretary, Binghamton, NY.

A-4685. Amendments to Section on Drug and Alcohol Concerns. Harry W. Beardsley, Grace UMC, West Des Moines, IA.

A-4686. Additions to Statement on Drugs and Alcohol. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-4687. Addition to Paragraph on Alcohol. Elam J. Anderson plus 32 others, College UMC, Philomath, OR.

A-4688. Drug and Alcohol Concerns. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secretary, Washington D.C.

A-4689. Role in Agricultural and Rural Life Issues. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy., IA.

A-4690. Housing. Women's Division, Hazel Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-4691. Extension of the Right to Organize and Bargain Collectively. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

A-4692. Oppose Strikes by Labor Unions. Roy Hicks, Lewisport UMC, Lewisport, KY.

A-4693. Oppose Collective Bargaining for Public Employees. Administrative Board, Rev. Robert Fortier, Honey Brook, PA.

A-4694. Oppose Church Involvement in Legislation for Collective Bargaining. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-4695. Unemployment. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

A-4696. Protest Advertising of Personal Feminine Products. Twin Valley Parish Executive Committee, George D. Almquist, Director, Fredonia, KS.

A-4697. Support Efforts to Discourage Harmful Advertising. Ruth Underwood, Amelia UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4698. Encourage Character Building Shows on TV. UMW, St. Luke's UMC, Beaumont, TX.

A-4699. Support Character Building Shows on TV. Administrative Board, St. Lukes UMC, Mrs. Thomas F. Jones, Secretary, Beaumont, TX.

A-4700. Church Position on Public Entertainment. Palisade Church Conference, Elaine Peterson, Secretary, Palisade, NB.

A-4701. Degenerate Television. Mrs. Kenneth L. Payne, UMC, Motineg, GA.

A-4702. Study TV Programming and Protest Violence and Sex-Oriented Programs. Twin Valley Parish Executive Committee, George D. Almquist, Director, Fredonia, KS.

Petitions Nos. A-4703 through A-4705 have been entitled "Oppose Pornography." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4703. Administrative Board, Hillsboro First UMC, Blair Dennison, President, Hillsboro, OH.

A-4704. North Indiana Conference, Sheldon Duecker, Council Director, Marion, IN.

A-4705. Olive Branch UMC, Ronald E. Fox, Chairman, Lebanon, OH.

A-4706. Adequate Health Care. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peters, plus seven others, Shell Beach Community UMC, Pismo Beach, CA.

A-4707. Statement on Health Insurance. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jerry Price, Recording Secretary, Minden, LA.

A-4708. National Health Insurance. Council on Ministries, Dunbar, WV.

A-4709. Affirm National Health Care Insurance. Iowa Annual Conference Board of Church and Society, Wilton, IA.

Petitions Nos. A-4710 through A-4716 have been entitled "Oppose Support of National Health Plan." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4710. Donald R. Starnes, UMC, Yuma, CO.

A-4711. Administrative Board, Rev. Robert Fortier, Honey Brook, PA.

A-4712. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Robert Price, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

A-4713. Mary Nanney, plus one other, Martin UMC, Martin, TX.

A-4714. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Veatch, Fulton, KY.

A-4715. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-4716. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

A-4717. National Incomes Policy. Women's Division, Hazel Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-4718. National Income Policy. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

A-4719. Resources to Re-evaluate and Examine our Economic System. New York Conference, William James, Chairperson, NY.

A-4720. Social Welfare. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

A-4721. Re-affirm Stand on Poverty. Valda Goodrich, Corvis Union UMC, Battle Creek, MI.

A-4722. Oppose Increases in Welfare. UMW and Administrative Board, Hillsboro UMC, Mary Bennett and Blair Dennison, Presidents, Plus 30 others, Hillsboro, OH.

A-4723. Oppose Increases in Welfare. UMW and Administrative Board, Hillsboro First UMC, Blair Dennison and Mary Bennett, Presidents plus 30 others, Hillsboro, OH.

A-4724. Sacrificial Meals at District and Conference Meetings. Administrative Board, Martha Wason, Chairperson, East Cleveland, OH.

A-4725. Resolution Concerning a National Food Policy. Food Committee for the Minnesota Annual Conference, Jerry Moore, Chairman.

A-4726. National Food Policy. Charles Purdham, Minnesota Annual Conference.

Petitions Nos. A-4727 through A-4731 have been entitled "Support United Farm Workers." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4727. Iowa Annual Conference, Wilton, IA.

A-4728. Methodist Federation for Social Action, George D. McClain, Executive Secretary, Staten Island, NY.

A-4729. West Ohio Conference, R. Gwinn Lacy, Chairperson, Union City, OH.

A-4730. Women's Division, Hazel Cummings, President, New York, NY.

A-4731. First UMC, D. Paul Jeffrey plus five others, Vancouver, WA.

A-4732. Prohibition on Use of Farm Operating Loss. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretary, IA.

A-4733. Study and Action on Problem of Gambling. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Denver D. Eddy, Chairman, Annapolis, MD.

A-4734. Consider Possibility of Selling Chances on Hand-Made Items. Mrs. Harvey A. Bixby, UMC, Cape Porpoise, ME.

A-4735. Examine Aspects of Gambling Practices, Board of Church and Society, Forrest G. Nees, Secretary, Warren, OH.

A-4736. Education and Action to Combat Lotteries. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4737. Oppose Gambling. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secretary, Washington, DC.

A-4738. Oppose Gambling. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Denver D. Eddy, Chairman, Annapolis, MD.

A-4739. State Sponsored Gambling Lotteries. West Ohio Annual Conference, Keith Nash, Assistant Secy., Columbus, OH.

A-4740. Addition to Paragraph on Basic Freedoms. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

A-4741. Political Community. Gary K. Drown, plus 31 others, Carmel UMC, Indianapolis, IN.

A-4742. Freedom of Access to Information Par. 75 A. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-4743. Oppose Amendment to Par. 75A. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Ralph W. Rowely, Portsmouth, VA.

A-4744. Repression and the Right of Privacy. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4745. Repression. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

A-4746. Support Resolution on Repression. Methodist Federation for Social Action, George D. McClain, Executive Secy., Staten Island, NY.

A-4747. Affirmation of the Principle of Separation of Church and State. Raoul C. Calkins, West Ohio Annual Conf.

A-4748. Privileged Communication. Board of Church and Society, Virginia Annual Conf., Helen Hodges, Board Pres.

A-4749. Right to Privacy. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal. Addie P. Shopshire, Secry., Boston, MA.

A-4750. Re-affirm Principle of Church-State Separation. G. Weir Hartman, West Ohio Conference.

Petitions Nos. A-4751 through A-4757 have been entitled "Approve Possession of Defensive Firearms." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4751. Wendell S. Norwood, plus 8 others, Grace UMC, Elkhart, IN.

A-4752. Michael J. Brzoza, plus 19 others, Mapleton UMC, East Canton, OH.

A-4753. James Ray Lempley, First UMC, Oakridge, TN.

A-4754. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Dallas K. Fee, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

A-4755. TNT Class, First UMC, Sharon Stanley, plus 8 others, Fairfield, IL.

A-4756. Benjamin A. Logerquist, Sydenstricker UMC, Springfield, VA.

A-4757. Administrative Board, Robert McColm, Pres., Bucklin, KS.

A-4758. Support Gun Control Legislation. UMC of Titusville, PA.

Petitions Nos. A-4759 through A-4803 have been entitled "Oppose Gun Control Legislation." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4759. Administrative Board, Howard J. Johnson, Pastor, Art, TX.

A-4760. W. Dennis Elder, Bison UMC, Bison, KS.

A-4761. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of Petitions Secretary.

A-4762. Council on Ministries, Russell S. Brown, Huntington Park, KY.

A-4763. Sixteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-4764. Doris Brown, First UMC, Abilene, KS.
A-4765. Bonnie Decker, Bison UMC, Bison, KS.
A-4766. Sheryl Oliverius, Bison UMC, Houston, TX.
A-4767. Paul M. Brown, First UMC, Abilene, KS.
A-4768. Gleaners' Class, Edna R. Morgan, Teacher, De Soto, MO.
A-4769. Paul M. Ballard, Jr., South Carolina Conference.
A-4770. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Dunbar, WV.
A-4771. Dallas Fields, Faith UMC, Smyrna, GA.
A-4772. Administrative Board, Rhonda Seacrest, Chairman, North Platte, NB.
A-4773. Administrative Board, Sydenstricker UMC, Lewis R. Peverill, Chairman, Springfield, VA.
A-4774. Wanda Sue Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.
A-4775. William D. Yates, UMC, Water Valley, KY.
A-4776. Mrs. Kenneth A. Maynard, UMC.
A-4777. Dorothy Reams, New Hope UMC, Martin, TN.
A-4778. Administrative Board, New Hope UMC, Wesley Ummel, Pastor, Arnold, MO.
A-4779. Mrs. T. J. Moore, UMC, Water Valley, KY.
A-4780. Rev. Terrill A. Young, West Ohio Conference.
A-4781. James E. Bastain, II, South Indiana Conference.
A-4782. Wendell W. Grimm, Marietta Faith UMC, Marietta, OH.
A-4783. Mrs. Clyde Garner, First UMC, Eunice, NM.
A-4784. Mr. and Mrs. Davis L. Dixon, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4785. Ila A. Kitchen, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4786. Wendell E. Godwin, East Heights UMC, Wichita, KS.
A-4787. Council on Ministries, Jarrett Memorial UMC, Mary Ann McClure, Chairperson, Elkview, WV.
A-4788. Mrs. J. Harryman, UMC, Eunice, NM.
A-4789. Administrative Board, Watertown First UMC, James A. Morse, Chairman, Watertown, SD.
A-4790. Gordon Bryson, Pollard Memorial UMC, Tyler, TX.
A-4791. Administrative Board, Sheron O. Conway, Secy., Hayward, CA.
A-4792. Robert L. Viden, Jr., First UMC, Glassboro, NJ.
A-4793. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Veatch, UMC, Fulton, KY.
A-4794. James L. Reese, II, plus 28 others, First UMC, Hamlet, NC.
A-4795. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.
A-4796. Ten identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
A-4797. Arnold L. Janousek and Harold E. Blitch, First UMC, Lawrence, KS.
A-4798. Ramsey Powell, Austin Avenue UMC, Waco, TX.
A-4799. Rev. Maurice E. Bailey, West Ohio Annual Conference.
A-4800. Alton UMC, Carol Sharp, Recording Secy., Alton, NY.
A-4801. George F. Holtp, plus 47 others, UMC, Magazine, AR.
A-4802. Administrative Board, Wayne Short, Chairman, Edinburg, VA.
A-4803. Margaret Bastain, Chapel Hill UMC, Indianapolis, IN.
A-4804. Gun Control. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

Petitions Nos. A-4805 through A-4818 have been entitled "Oppose Gun Control Legislation." They are not identical, but similar in content.
A-4805. Donald R. Walton, Diamond Hill UMC, Cos Cob, CN.
A-4806. Dallas Fields, Faith UMC, Smyrna, GA.
A-4807. Cheryl Fugue, Wingo UMC, Wingo, KY.

A-4808. Mrs. Jeanne Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.
A-4809. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.
A-4810. Mary and Mike Nanney, UMC, Martin, TN.
A-4811. David J. Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.
A-4812. Alma B. Halter, Flucom UMC, De Soto, MO.
A-4813. Marion W. Ziober, Pollard Memorial UMC, Tyler, TX.
A-4814. Arnold L. Janousek, First UMC, Lawrence, KS.
A-4815. Mrs. Laverne Owensby, New Hope UMC, Martin, TN.
A-4816. Social Concerns, Christ UMC, A. J. Petersen, Chairman, Albuquerque, NM.
A-4817. Lewis H. Conrad, Grace UMC, South Williamsport, PA.
A-4818. Sharon L. Klein, Bison UMC, Bison, KS.
A-4819. Hand Gun Control. Northern Illinois Conference, Charles Klosterman, Conference Secy., Downers Grove, IL.
A-4820. No Position on Gun Control Issues. Administrative Board, Norcross UMC, Carl A. Garner, Jr., Chairman, Norcross, GA.
A-4821. Oppose Gun Control Legislation. John B. Carroll, South Georgia Annual Conference.
A-4822. Police Firearms Policies. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.
A-4823. Support Gun Control Legislation. Council on Ministries, David M. Webster, Minister, St. James, MO.
A-4824. Use of Gun in the Commission of a Crime. Administrative Board, Curtis Freeze, Chairman, Kannapolis, NC.
A-4825. Responsibility of Church Members to Vote. Mrs. Nell B. Stillson, Smithfield UMC, Oakmont, PA.
A-4826. Oppose Statements Critical of Capitalistic System. Administrative Board, Oscar Chappelle, Jr., plus 34 others, Anthony, TX.
A-4827. Method of Contributing to Election Expense. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.
A-4828. Discourage Financial Support of Political or Labor Leaders. Administrative Board, Bellevue UMC, W. LeRoy Jones, Pittsburgh, PA.
A-4829. Study Commission on Federal Deficit Spending. Administrative Board, Morris A. Darden, Jr., Chairman, West Point, GA.
A-4830. Provisions for Promotions Non-partisan Federal Legislation. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Gordon and Neva Martin, Co-Chairpersons, Rochester, MN.

Petitions Nos. A-4831 through A-4835 have been entitled "Endorse World Peace Tax Fund Act." They are not identical, but similar in content.
A-4831. Board of Church and Society, Forrest S. Nees, Secretary, Warren, OH.
A-4832. Jack A. Cramer-Heuerman, Central Illinois Conference.
A-4833. Paul McFarland, plus 14 others, Asbury UMC, Harrisonburg, VA.
A-4834. Milwaukee District Task Force on Peace and Self-Development of Peoples, Joseph M. Amico, Pastor, Edgerton, WI.
A-4835. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy., IA.
A-4836. Peace-Oriented Policies. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.
A-4837. Endorse World Peace Tax Fund Act. Dorla Whipple, Church Hill UMC, Girard, OH.
A-4838. Taxes and World Peace. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.
A-4839. Freedom of Information. Robert Randall, Jr., Conference Youth Ministries Association, Avalon UMC, Lakeland, FL.

A-4840. Right to Free Access to Recorded Data. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretary, IA.

A-4841. Support Legislation to Monitor Intelligence Gathering Operations. World Division, Board of Global Ministries, Bishop L. Scott Allen, Pres., New York, NY.

A-4842. Opposing the Spread of Militarism in the Public Schools. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

A-4843. Opposing the Spread of Militarism in the Public Schools. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

A-4844. Effective Use of Prayer and Bible in Public Schools. Administrative Board, Bala-Cynwyd UMC, Paul G. Verner, Chairman, Bala-Cynwyd, PA.

A-4845. Support Bible Reading in Public Schools, Mrs. John Feirick, Asbury UMC, Allentown, PA.

A-4846. Concern for Education During Times of Economic Stress. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

A-4847. Local Public Schools. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

Petitions Nos. A-4848 through A-4875 have been entitled "Cease Activities on Kent State Trial." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4848. Robert W. Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

A-4849. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.

A-4850. Administrative Board, Peoli UMC, Stanley D. Dunlap, Chairman, Port Washington, OH.

A-4851. J. P. Cummins, Jr., Church of the Lakes, Massilon, OH.

A-4852. Louise Cummins, Church of the Lakes, Massillon, OH.

A-4853. Administrative Board, Mt. Zion UMC, Earl H. Bailey, Pastor, Canton, OH.

A-4854. Betty Bayless, Beavertown UMC, Newport, OH.

A-4855. Administrative Board, Union UMC, J. E. Treadwell, Chairman, Stockbridge, GA.

A-4856. Administrative Board, Tiffin Harmon UMC, Verl Walton, Chairman, Tiffin, OH.

A-4857. Janet Ritchie, plus two others, UMC, Sardis, OH.

A-4858. Administrative Board, James G. Skinner, Pastor, North Ridgeville, OH.

A-4859. Darrell N. Jones, plus 30 others, Mt. Olive UMC, Sardis, OH.

A-4860. Administrative Board, J. Carl Lehman, Chairperson, Bannock, OH.

A-4861. Administrative Board, Park UMC, Joseph Aker, Chairperson, Coshocton, OH.

A-4862. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4863. Bulah Calvary UMC, Jefferson, OH.

A-4864. Administrative Board, Jean Burchfield, Chairman, Coshocton, OH.

A-4865. Administrative Board, Lowell UMC, Lowell, OH.

A-4866. Mann Memorial UMC, Mary J. Reidelle, Secretary, Augusta, GA.

A-4867. Philip J. Morse, Epworth UMC, Gambier, OH.

A-4868. Administrative Board, Redeemer UMC, Mrs. Jill Earvin, Secretary, Akron, OH.

A-4869. Administrative Board, Thomson First UMC, Rev. Fred Blackmon, Chairman, Thomson, GA.

A-4870. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Frederick C. Cook, Chairman, Willard, OH.

A-4871. Council on Ministries, Bethany UMC, Floyd H. Moore, Chairman, Canton, OH.

A-4872. Council on Ministries, Bethany UMC, Floyd H. Moore, Chairman, Canton, OH.

A-4873. Administrative Board, Simpson UMC, Francis E. Wilkie, Chairman, Canton, OH.

A-4874. Administrative Board, Gnadenhutten UMC, Charles P. Sellers, Representative, Gnadenhutten, OH.

A-4875. Administrative Board, Mt. Tabor UMC, Paul Crooks, Pastor, East Canton, OH.

Petitions Nos. A-4876 through A-4879 have been entitled "Give Kent State Monies to American Civil Liberties Union." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4876. Fifty-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-4877. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-4878. Administrative Board, Bethany UMC, Hope M. Harris, Chairman, Jefferson, GA.

A-4879. Robert D. Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

A-4880. Stop Solicitation and Acceptances of Monies for Kent State Trial. 69 identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-4881. Oppose Government Subsidy of Multinational Corporations. Iowa Annual Conference, Wilton, IA.

A-4882. Publicity Concerning Copyright Laws. Allan F. Vrieze, Minnesota, Conference.

A-4883. Support Amendment of Anti-Trust Laws in Food Industry. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretary, IA.

A-4884. Support Efforts Toward Anti-Trust Laws. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy., IA.

A-4885. Oppose Removal of Criminal Penalties. Administrative Board, New Hope UMC, J. Wesley Ummel, Pastor, Arnold, MO.

A-4886. Amend Statement on Crime and Rehabilitation Par. 75C.

Petitions Nos. A-4887 through A-4890 are entitled "Disapprove Church's Opposition to Capital Punishment." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4887. Administrative Board of the Evangelical UMC, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.

A-4888. Council on Ministries, FUMC, Dunbar, WV.

A-4889. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holman, Union City, IN.

A-4890. Hazel Harper, plus 43 others, Louisville UMC, Louisville, IL.

A-4891. Oppose Capital Punishment. R. Dulaney Barrett, Oklahoma City, OK.

A-4892. Re-affirm Opposition of Capital Punishment. Mr. Jean Adamson, Epworth UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4893. Substitution for Statement Opposing Capital Punishment. Myrtle W. Swartz, Forest Hill UMC, Mifflingburg, PA.

Petitions Nos. A-4894 through A-4896 have been entitled "Support Capital Punishment." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4894. Kenneth W. Swartz, Forest Hill UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.

A-4895. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

A-4896. Michael Brzoa, plus 19 others, UMC, East Canton, OH.

A-4897. Capital Punishment. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

A-4898. Oppose Capital Punishment. Boyd Marshall Holliday, Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

Petitions Nos. A-4899 through A-4901 have been titled "Disapprove Church's Opposition to Capital Punishment." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4899. Mary Nanney, UMC of Martin, Martin, TN.

A-4900. Mr. and Mrs. John King, UMC of Chapel Hill, South Fulton, TN.

A-4901. Mr. and Mrs. Davis L. Dixon, plus two others, UMC, Fulton, KY.

A-4902. Compensation for Victims of Crime. Thomas R. Springman, Central Pennsylvania Conference.

A-4903. Concern for Victims of Crime. Robert W. Harris, Wyoming Annual Conference.

A-4904. Courts and Criminal Procedure. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4905. Juvenile Justice. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4906. Discourage Jailing of Youth. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-4907. The Local Church and the Local Jail. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4908. Penal Reform. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4909. Resolution on Political Torture and Imprisonment. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-4910. Standards of Police Conduct. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4911. Resolution on Ministries in Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and Conflict Resolution. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, DC.

A-4912. Amendment to Par. 75 D. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-4913. Amend Par. 75 pertaining to Military Service. Administrative Board, First UMC, Don Dixon, Chairman, Birmingham, AL.

Petitions Nos. A-4914 through A-4918 have been entitled "Amnesty and Reconciliation." They are not identical, but similar content.

A-4914. Addie P. Shopshire, Union UMC, Boston, MA.

A-4915. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

A-4916. Robert Randall, Jr., plus 30 others, Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

A-4917. Board of Church and Society, Northern Illinois Annual Conference, Gregory Dell, Chairperson, IL.

A-4918. Council on Ministries, Jarrett Memorial UMC, Mary Ann McClure, Chairperson, Elkview, WV.

A-4919. Thomas R. Springman, Central Pennsylvania Conference.

A-4920. Oppose Proposed Amendment to Par. 75 D. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Stephanie J. Singer, Fort Meyers, FL.

A-4921. Revise Statement on Militarization, Ralph L. Boyer, UMC, Mt. Vernon, OH.

Petitions Nos. A-4922 through A-4930 have been entitled "Oppose Amnesty." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4922. Administrative Board, Theodore E. Mott, Chairman, Linwood, NJ.

A-4923. David J. Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.

A-4924. Mrs. Jeanne Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.

A-4925. Council on Ministries, Dunbar, WV.

A-4926. Administrative Board, New Hope UMC, Wesley Ummel, Pastor, Arnold, MO.

A-4927. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

A-4928. Administrative Board, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.

A-4929. Mrs. William S. Cox, Stephenson Memorial UMC, Taylors, SC.

A-4930. Administrative Board, Rhonda Seacrest, Chairperson, North Platte, NB.

Petitions Nos. A-4931 through A-4934 have been entitled "Support Amnesty." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4931. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretary, IA.

A-4932. Mrs. Iva Fields, UMC, South Point, OH.

A-4933. Yellowstone Annual Conference, James E. Dickinson, Secy., Buffalo, WY.

A-4934. Mrs. Jean Adamson, Epworth UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-4935. Conscientious Objection. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4936. Oppose Right of Conscientious Dissent. Ralph L. Boyer, UMC, Mt. Vernon, OH.

A-4937. Support for Conscientious Objection. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

A-4938. Support Conscientious Participation in Armed Services. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Lakeland, FL.

A-4939. Military Training in UM Schools. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-4940. Oppose Resolution on Military Training. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-4941. National Defense and Military Service. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN

A-4942. Government and Military Service. Palisade Church Conference, Elaine Peterson, Secretary, Palisade, NB.

A-4943. Urge Reduction of Military Expenditures. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretary, IA.

A-4944. Urge Restriction on Military Funding. Iowa Annual Conf., Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretrary, IA.

A-4945. Conscription. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4946. Oppose Idea of Increasing Welfare at the Cost of Maintaining Strong National Defense. Administrative Board, Branch UMC, Ronald E. Fox, Chairman, plus 46 others, Lebanon, OH.

A-4947. Responsible Conduct by U.S. Citizens in other Nations. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy., IA.

A-4948. World Trade and Economic Development. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4949. Christians and the State of Israel. Grover C. Bagby, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference.

A-4950. Resolution on Israel and the Jews. Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, Arthur J. Landwehr, Chairman, Evanston, IL.

A-4951. Middle East, Resolution on. Women's Division, Hazel Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

A-4952. Middle East. Board of Church and Society. A. Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, DC.

A-4953. Oppose Recognition of Palestinian Liberation Organization. Administrative Board, Theodore E. Mott, Chairman, Linwood, NJ.

A-4954. Conflict in Northern Ireland. Jonathan Law, Minnesota Annual Conference.

A-4955. Support Rights of Black Africans. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy., IA.

A-4956. Urge End to Support of Park Regime in Republic of Korea. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Secy., IA.

A-4957. Civil Liberties in Republic of Korea. Council on Youth Ministries, Iowa Annual Conference, Arthur B. Campney, Consultant, IA.

A-4958. Consideration of Panama Canal Issue. Robert Phares, UMC, Tipton, IN.

Petitions Nos. A-4959 through A-4961 have been entitled "Panama Canal Treaty Negotiations. They are not identical but similar in content.

A-4959. MFSA New York Annl. Conf., Rev. George D. McClain, Exec. Secy., Staten Island, NY.

A-4960. Work Area of Church and Society, Florida Conference.

A-4961. Board of Church and Society. A. Dudley Ward, General Secretary, Washington, DC.

A-4962. Help Nations in Southeast Asia. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Secy., IA.

A-4963. Resolution of Concern for All Those who Still Suffer from the War in Indochina. Board of Church and Society, Southern New England Conference of UMC, Paul K. Deats, Jr., Chairman, West Newton, MA.

A-4964. The United Nations. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-4965. Concern to Direct National Policy through United Nations. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy.

A-4966. Oppose Endorsement of United Nations. Administrative Board, Howard J. Johnson, Pastor, Art, TX.

A-4967. Plowshares and Pruning Hooks by 1990. Board of Church and Society, Northern Illinois Annual Conference, Gregory Dell, Chairperson, IL.

A-4968. Urge Compliance with UN Economic Sanctions Against Rhodesia. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy.

A-4969. Bilateral Cessation of Arms Flow. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

A-4970. Stop Development of the B1 Bomber. Mark Nerio, La Trinidad UMC, San Antonio, TX.

A-4971. End Military Aid to the Philippines. Iowa Annual Conf., Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy., IA.

A-4972. Nuclear Disarmament. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

A-4973. Promote World Democracy. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

A-4974. Changes in Para. on World Community. Martha G. Rowlett, California-Nevada Conference.

A-4975 Changes in Para. on World Community. Martha G. Rowlett, California-Nevada Conference.

A-4976. Concern for National Priorities and Budget. Dorla Whipple, Center Hill UMC, Girard, OH.

A-4977. Withdraw Support of the Religious Heritage Foundation of Chicago. New York Annual Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Conference Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

Petitions Nos. A-4978 through A-4998 have been entitled "Food and World Hunger." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4978. Arthur R. Kirk, East Ohio Conference.

A-4979. East Ohio Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conference Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

A-4980. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4981. Administrative Board, First UMC, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

A-4982. Arthur R. Kirk, East Ohio Conference.

A-4983. Council on Ministries, New York Conference, John Collins, Associate Program Director, Rye, NY.

A-4984. Administrative Board, First UMC, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

A-4985. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4986. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

A-4987. Helen Elizabeth Groyer, Augusta UMC, Augusta, MI.

A-4988. Gloria H. Parse, St. John's UMC, Corpus Christi, TX.

A-4989. Mrs. Don Mallery, UMC, Mullen, NB.

A-4990. Palisade UMC, Elaine Peterson, Secy., Palisade, NB.

A-4991. Mr. and Mrs. David Harris, Convis Union UMC, Battle Creek, MI.

A-4992. Methodist Federation for Social Action, New York Conf., George D. McClain, Exec. Secy., Staten Island, NY.

A-4993. Rev. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Annual Conference.

A-4994. Rev. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Annual Conference.

A-4995. Methodist Federation for Social Action, George D. McClain, Exec. Secy., Staten Island, NY.

A-4996. Horace F. Ether, Media UMC, Media, PA.

A-4997. Hunger Task Force, Fred Venus, Chairman, Royal Oak, MI.

A-4998. Six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

Petitions Nos. A-4999 through A-5003 have been entitled "Wholistic Program of Response to World Hunger." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-4999. Asbury UMC, Administrative Board, Lloyd A. Murray, Chairman, Little Rock, AR.

A-5000. Reachers' Young Adult Class, First UMC, Harold R. Henderson, Tifton, GA.

A-5001. Rev. Guilford Prickette, South Georgia Conference.

A-5002. Social Concerns Commission, Calvary UMC, Norah E. Bellinger, plus seven others, Flint, MI.

A-5003. Carlisle Clewis, Hyde Park UMC, Tampa, Fl.

A-5004. Dealing with Human Suffering. UMW, Lynette Wall Layton, Pres., Corvallis, OR.

A-5005. Changes in Paragraph on World Community, Martha G. Rowlett, California-Nevada Conference.

Petitions Nos. A-5006 through A-5013 have been entitled "Addition to Paragraph on War and Peace." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-5006. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

A-5007. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

A-5008. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy., IA.

A-5009. Administrative Board, First UMC of Center Point, Don Dixon, Chairman, Birmingham, AL.

A-5010. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-5011. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

A-5012. Exec. Comm. of the Northeast District Council on Ministries, Wisconsin Conference, Karl E. Sager, Vice-chairman, Appleton, WI.

A-5013. Mabel Hicks, UMC, Indianapolis, IN.

A-5014. Disarmament. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

A-5015. UMC and Peace. Board of Church and Society. A. Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, DC.

A-5016. Crusade for Peace and World Order. Clarence J. Avey, Southern New England Conference.

Petitions Nos. A-5017 through A-5020 have been entitled "Addition to Paragraph on Justice and the Law." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-5017. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

A-5018. Franklin C. Stark, First UMC, Oakland, CA.

A-5019. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

A-5020. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

A-5021. Support Ratification of International Convention on Prevention and Punishment of Genocide. Iowa Annual Conf., Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy., IA.

A-5022. Covert Political Action Par. 76D. Southeastern Jurisdiction UM Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

A-5023. Designated Sunday for Emphasis on Social Creed. Ruth Underwood, Amelia UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

A-5024. Form of Social Creed Suitable for Public Worship. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

A-5025. Social Creed As A set of Principles For Those Running For Political Offices. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

A-5026. Social Creed Change. Board of Church and Society, North Indiana Conference, Wayne R. Anderson, Board Secy.

A-5027. Social Creed Change. Board of Church and Society, North Indiana Conference, Wayne R. Anderson, Board Secy.

A-5028. Social Creed Change. Board of Church and Society, North Indiana Conference, Wayne R. Anderson, Board Secy.

A-5029. Social Creed Change. Board of Church and Society, North Indiana Conference, Wayne R. Anderson, Board Secy.

A-5030. Oppose Study Commission on Church and Human Sexuality. Plus Ultra Sunday School Class of Beamer UMC, Conrad Y. Siktberg, Pres., Kokomo, IN.

A-5031. Oppose Creation and Funding of a Study Commission on Human Sexuality. Jesse M. Mothersbaugh, Southwest Texas Conf.

A-5032. Amend Abortion Statement. Rev. Miley E. Palmer, Central Illinois Conference.

A-5033. Rights of Homosexuals. John V. Moore, California-Nevada Conference.

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS[1]

A-5034. Omnibus Resolution on Human Relations. Board of Church and Society, Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, D.C.

A-5035. Justice for American Indians. Board of Global Ministries, Randolph Nugent, Assoc. General Secy., National Division, New York, N.Y.

A-5036. Reform Health Care System. Board of Global Ministries, Randolph Nugent, Assoc. General Secy., New York, N.Y.

A-5037. Rights of the Elderly. Board of Global Ministries, Randolph Nugent, Assoc. General Secy., New York, N.Y.

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[1] The following petitions were received by the Petitions Secretary after the March 27 deadline. Because of uncertain mail service, however, the Committee on Reference took action to the effect that all petitions postmarked March 25 or earlier would be processed. The petitions following this heading met this requirement and have been referred to legislative committees.

Petition Nos. A-5038 through A-5052 have been entitled "Retain Present Statement on Social Principles, Par. 72." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-5038. Ninety identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-5039. Charles C. Burgess, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, Md.

A-5040. Administrative Board, St. Luke's U.M.C., Charles L. Stuart, Vice-chairperson, St. Petersburg, Fla.

A-5041. Jerry Curtis, Grace UMC, Jackson, Ohio.

A-5042. Mrs. Jerry Curtis, Grace UMC, Jackson, Ohio.

A-5043. Mrs. Cecil Peacock, Jefferson Chapel UMC, Roanoke, Ind.

A-5044. Mr. and Mrs. George J. Fadley, UMC of Sycamore, Sycamore, Ohio.

A-5045. Administrative Board, Sycamore Chapel UMC, Marguriete Thompson, Chairman, Adm. Board, Wyandotte, Okla.

A-5046. Clyde Bosce, First UMC, Kermit, Texas.

A-5047. Virginia Sale and Palmer Petteway, First UMC, Tampa, Fla.

A-5048. Leta Birmingham, Sycamore UMC, Sycamore, Ohio.

A-5049. Gladys L. Butgess, Arnolia UMC, Towson, Md.

A-5050. Fifteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-5051. Six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-5052. Mrs. Marilyn L. Galligher, Chandlersville UMC, Chandlersville, Ohio.

Petition Nos. A-5053 through A-5078 have been entitled "Retain Present Statement on Human Sexuality." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-5053. Mrs. Norma J. Meyer, Salem UMC, Scotia, Nebr.

A-5054. M. E. Simpson, Staples UMC, Staples, Tex.

A-5055. Mrs. John H. Heath, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

A-5056. Mrs. George Brooks, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

A-5057. George D. Brooks, Jr., Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

A-5058. Milton Clark, Chairman of Official Board, and 28 others.

A-5059. Wendell Lamance, Garvin UMC, Boyd, Texas.

A-5060. Administrative Board, Jim Keller, Chairman, St. Paul's UMC, Bryan, Texas.

A-5061. Larry Coleman and Family, Aldersgate UMC, Lexington, Ky.

A-5062. Teddi Mitchell, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

A-5063. Administrative Board, Sycamore Chapel UMC, Marguriete Thompson, Chairman, Wyandotte, Okla.

A-5064. Ruth Barron, Jefferson Chapel UMC, Columbia City, IN.

A-5065. Vern Courtright, Geff UMC, and 14 others, Geff, IL.

A-5066. Administrative Board, First UMC, Fletcher G. Rush, Chairman, Orlando, Fla.

A-5067. Administrative Board, Ebenezer UMC, Chester Bolinger, Chairman, Chelburn, Indiana.

A-5068. W. C. Vaughan, Dist. Lay Leader, Lynchburg Dist., UMC.

A-5069. Donal Breeding, Woods UMC, Petersburg, Va.

A-5070. Ruth Garfoot, Wilmore UMC, Wilmore, Ky.

A-5071. M. H. Abbott, Northwest Texas Conference, Minister, Brownfield, Texas.

A-5072. Anita Miller, Forney UMC, Forney, Texas.

A-5073. Fred M. Taylor, Bethel UMC, and 22 others, Fairfield, Ill.

A-5074. Administrative Board, Lloyd L. Miller, Chairman, Salem UMC, Carroll, Ohio.

A-5075. Evelyn M. Miller, Forney UMC, Forney, Texas.

A-5076. Annie Laurie Britton (Mrs. Raymond), Grace UMC, Atlanta, Ga.

A-5077. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Strader, Jefferson Chapel, UMC, Columbia City, Ind.

A-5078. Vernon and Patsy Bedwell, West Galax UMC, Galax, Va.

A-5079. Oppose Homosexuality as a Valid Life Style. J. D. Mauk, Lay leader, Finley Chapel UMC, Proctorville, Ohio.

A-5080. Oppose Homosexual Marriage. Administrative Board, Ellaville UMC, Clark D. Gill, Sr., Chairman, Administrative Board, Ellaville.

Petitions Nos. A-5081 through A-5090 have been entitled "Oppose Study on Human Sexuality." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-5081. Charles C. Burgess, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

A-5082. Paul and Zenith Mellor, Chapel of Cross UMC, Massillon, OH.

A-5083. Gladys L. Burgess, Arnolia UMC, Towson, Md.

A-5084. Administrative Board, St. Luke's UMC, Charles L. Stuart, Vice-chairperson, St. Petersburg, Fla.

A-5085. Administrative Board, Sycamore Chapel UMC, Marguriete Thompson, Chairman, Wyandotte, Okla.

A-5086. Annie Laurie Britton (Mrs. Raymond), Grace U.M.C., Atlanta, Ga.

A-5087. Ruth Garfoot, Wilmore UMC, Wilmore, Ky.

A-5088. Vernon and Patsy Bedwell, West Galax United Methodist, Galax, Va.

A-5089. Thelma Chapman, Nameoki UMC, Granite City, Ill.

A-5090. Six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

Petitions Nos. A-5091 through 5116 have been entitled "Oppose Creation and Funding of Study Commission on Human Sexuality." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-5091. Charles C. Burgess, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, Md.

A-5092. Gladys L. Burgess, Arnolia UMC, Towson, Md.

A-5093. Mrs. Norma J. Meyer, Salem UMC, Scotia, Neb.

A-5094. Velma E. Lawrence, Dalton UMC, Dalton, Oh.

A-5095. M. E. Simpson, Kingsbury UMC, Staples, Tex.

A-5096. Milton Clark and 27 various members not stated.

A-5097. Connie R. Whitney, Thompson UMC, Thompson, Pa.

A-5098. So. Illinois Conference, Olney District, Geff United Methodist Church, Vern Courtright and 15 various members, Geff, Ill.

A-5099. Twenty-five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

A-5100. Teammates Sunday School Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, Kenneth W. Johnson and 26 various members, Roanoke,Va.

A-5101. Reapers Sunday School Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, Mabel L. Stoke and 28 various members, Roanoke, Va.

A-5102. Ruth Barron, Jefferson Chapel UMC, Columbia City, Ind.

A-5103. Mrs. Jerry Curtis, Grace UMC, Jackson, Ohio.

A-5104. Jerry Curtis, Grace UMC, Jackson, Ohio.

A-5105. Mr. and Mrs. George J. Fadley, UMC of Sycamore, Sycamore, Ohio.

A-5106. Donal Breeding, Woods United Methodist Church, Petersburg, Va.

A-5107. Fred M. Taylor and 22 various members, So. Illinois Conference, Bethel United Methodist Church, Geff Charge, Olney District, Fairfield, Ill.

A-5108. Evelyn M. Miller, Forney United Methodist Church, Forney, Texas.

A-5109. Clayton and Mildred Purkey, Rehoboth, Fostoria, Ohio.

A-5110. Virginia Sale and Palmer Petteway, First United Methodist Church, Tampa, Fl.

A-5111. Anita Miller, Forney United Methodist Church, Forney, Texas.

A-5112. Leta Birmingham, Sycamore UMC, Sycamore, Ohio.

A-5113. Curtis Absher and 23 various members, Ogden Memorial United Methodist Church, Princeton, Ky.

A-5114. Administrative Board, Mrs. Gene Scrutchin, Chairperson, First United Methodist Church, San Marcos, Texas.

A-5115. Mrs. Glenda Clifton, Temple United Methodist Church, Temple, Ga.

A-5116. Jennie M. Bruck, Temple United Methodist Church, Temple, Ga.

Petitions Nos. A-5117 through A-5119 have been entitled "Oppose Abortion." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-5117. George D. Brooks, Jr., Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

A-5118. Mrs. George D. Brooks, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

A-5119. Mrs. John H. Heath, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

Petitions Nos. A-5120 through A-5122 have been entitled "Oppose Euthanasia." They are not identical, but similar in content.

A-5120. George D. Brooks, Jr., Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

A-5121. Mrs. George Brooks, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

A-5122. Bayshore UMC, John H. Heath, Tampa, Fla.

A-5123. Oppose Abortion and Euthanasia. Teddi A. Mitchell, Bayshore United Methodist Church, Tampa, Fla.

A-5124. Oppose Gun Control Legislation. Harry O. Meyers, Jr., 18 other various members, Rehoboth UMC, Md.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

A-5125. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

A-5126. General Council on Ministries Resolution L. Committee on Reference.

A-5127. General Council on Ministries Resolution M. Committee on Reference.

For petitions re-referred to this committee, see pages 1106-1111.

B. Conferences

B-1001. Election of Delegates from United Churches. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James K. Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

B-1002. Repeal Amendment IX. New York Annual Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Conference Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

B-1003. Delete Obsolete References in Par. 15. General Council on Ministries, John T. King, Pres., Dayton, OH.

B-1004. Editorial Revision of Par. 15 of Constitution. Mrs. Karen Gottula, Montlieu Ave. UMC, Evanston, IL.

B-1005. Editorial Revision of Par. 20. Mrs. Karen Gottula, Montlieu Ave. UMC, Evanston, IL.

B-1006. Amend the Constitution by Deleting Par. 46. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1007. Youth Members of General Conference. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville. TN.

B-1008. Youth Delegate to General Conference. New York Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Conf. Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

B-1009. Elimination of Age Restriction. Kansas West Conference, Gerry Winget, Secy., Wichita, KS.

B-1010. Nominations for Episcopacy from A.C. Rev. James E. Uselton, Northwest Texas Conference.

B-1011. Nominations for Episcopacy from A.C. Administrative Board, Kingswood UMC, Roy Lee Johnson, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

B-1012. Committee on Episcopacy. North Indiana Conference, Richard Kistler, Secy.

B-1013. Committee on Episcopacy. North Indiana Conference, Richard Kistler, Secy.

B-1014. Responsibility of Bishop to Preach in Churches of Area. Delores Ballard and 36 others, Old Austin UMC, Cabot, AR.

B-1015. Election and Stationing of Bishops. Henry W. Riegel, Iowa Conference.

B-1016. Election and Assignment of Bishops. Henry William Riegel, Iowa Conference.

B-1017. Declaration of Candidacy for Episcopacy. Odie Gregg, North Alabama Conference.

B-1018. Composition of the Bishop's Cabinet—Equal Lay and Clergy. Meyer A. Pigford, Lumberton UMC, Lumberton, MS.

B-1019. Eight-year Tenure in Episcopal Area. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

B-1020. Delete Twelve-year Episcopal Residency Rule. Administrative Board, First UMC, Stephen E. Blackmon, Chairman, Washington, GA.

Petitions B-1020 through B-1023 have been entitled "Assignment of Bishops." They are not identical, but similar in content.

B-1021. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Robert P. Blakey, Chairman, Washington, GA.

B-1022. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Robert P Blakey, Chairman, Washington, GA.

B-1023. Administrative Board, First UMC, Stephen E. Blackmon, Chairman, Washington, GA.

B-1024. Meetings of Jurisdictional Committees on Episcopacy. North Dakota Conference, E. Walter Erdmann, Secy.

B-1025. Legislative Proposals on Jurisdictional Conference. Board of Global Ministries, UMC, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

B-1026. Commission to Study the Jurisdictional Structure of UMC. National UM Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Coordinator, Urbana, IL.

B-1027. Name Change for Syracuse Area. Northern New York Conference, Paul D. Mills, Secy., Camden, NY.

B-1028. Funding for the Jurisdictional Caucuses or Councils on Youth Ministry. Council on Youth Ministry, West Michigan Conference, Dennis G. Buwalda, Council Coordinator, Lansing, MI.

B-1029. Priorities on Agenda of General Conference. Administrative Board, First UMC, William H. Devereaux, Jr., Chairman, Pasco, WA.

B-1030. Increase Minimum Number of Delegates. North Dakota Conference, E. Walter Erdmann, Secy., Valley City, ND.

B-1031. General Conference Delegates from Each District. Harvey W. Phelps, M.D., Pueblo UMC, Pueblo, CO.

B-1032. Election of General Conference Delegates. Dr. W. Jene Miller, Oklahoma Conference.

B-1033. Election of General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates by Probationary Members. Southern California-Arizona Conference, James K. Sasaki, Secretary.

B-1034. Rules of Order in General Conference. Miller Alexander, Crenshaw UMC, Crenshaw, MS.

B-1035. Declaration of Candidacy for General and Jurisdictional Conference. Odie Gregg, North Alabama Conference.

B-1036. Method of Election of Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference. John C. Brooks, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC.

B-1037. Responsibilities of General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates. South Dakota Conference, Earl Stucke, Secy., Huron, SD.

B-1038. Increase Minimum Delegation of General Conference. Maine Conference, Linwood R. Arnold, Secy., Newport, ME.

B-1039. Qualifications for General Conference Delegates. Scott Walters, UMC, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

B-1040. Study Limitation on General Conference Membership. Clergy and laity, 20 names, Trinity UMC, Arleta, CA.

B-1041. Jurisdictional Conference and Changing Boundaries of Episcopal Area Board Representation. General Council on Ministries, UMC, John T. King, Pres. Dayton, OH.

B-1042. Provisions for Meeting of Jurisdictional Conference. Western Jurisdictional Conference, Dr. Lawrence Guderian, Secy.

B-1043. Funding for the Jurisdictional Caucuses of Councils on Youth Ministry. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

B-1044. Area Name Change (Syracuse Area). Central New York Conference, Stanley C. Robinson, Secy.

B-1045. Funding for the Jurisdictional Caucuses or Councils on Ministry. Youth Camp, Little Rock Conference, Fred H. Houstein, Conf. Youth Coordinator, Little Rock, AR.

B-1046. Privilege of Floor for President of National Fellowship of Associate and Lay Pastors. South Indiana Conference, Paul T. Jump, Secy.

B-1047. Method of Considering and Adopting Recommendations of General Agencies. Administrative Board, Ebenezer UMC, Q. Johnson, Chairman, and 33 others, Harpers Ferry, WV.

B-1048. Area and Episcopal Office Expense Par. 15. Baltimore Conference, Harold B. Wright, Secy., Linthicum Heights, MD.

B-1049. Election of Lay Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Board of Laity, West Ohio Conference, Daniel C. Jenkins, Lay Leader, New Lexington, OH.

B-1050. Elections of Delegates to the General and Jursidictional Conferences. J. Stewart Kreiss, Southern California-Arizona Conference.

B-1051. Tenure of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. South Indiana Conference, Paul T. Jump, Secy.

B-1052. Eliminate Jurisdictional Structure. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1053. Reduce Size of General Conference. L. Edwin Corlett, Centre Street UMC, Cumberland, MD.

B-1054. Reduce the Size of General Conference. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1055. Hold General Conference Every Eight Years. John H. Marshall, Jr., and one other, St. Andrew UMC, Littleton, CO.

B-1056. Composition of General Conference. Baltimore Conference, Harold B. Wright, Secy., Linthicum Heights, MD.

B-1057. Composition of General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Church and Community Committee, Board of Missions, Rev. Seth P. Bower, Secy., Meadow Lands, PA.

B-1058. Commendation for Bishop Kearns. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

B-1059. Name Change for Syracuse Area. Western New York Conference, Frank J. Mucci, Secy.

B-1060. Permission for Flexibility in Western Jurisdiction. Thomas H. Griffith, Southern California-Arizona Conference.

B-1061. Election of Jurisdictional Conference Delegates. Charles H.A. Woods, The New Hope Parish, Roscoe, PA.

B-1062. Definitive Policies for Election of Delegates. North Carolina Conference, James H. Coile, Secretary, Trenton, NC.

B-1063. Seating of President of National Fellowship of Associate and Lay Pastors. William C. Beougher and ten others, West Ohio Conference.

B-1064. Composition of General Conference. South Dakota Conference, Earl Stucke, Secy., Huron, SD.

B-1065. Composition of General Conference. Commission on the General Conference, Dr. J. B. Holt, Secy., Dallas, TX.

Petitions B-1309 through B-1324 also deal with General Conference.

B-1066. Lay Membership in the Annual Conference. New Hampshire Conference, Calvin Warburton, Secy., Raymond, NH.

B-1067. Qualifications for Lay Delegates. Council on Youth Ministry, California-Nevada Conference, Kathy LaPoint, Chairperson, Napa, CA.

B-1068. Qualifications for Lay Delegates. Council on Youth Ministries, California-Nevada Conference, Kathy LaPoint, Chairperson, Napa, CA.

B-1069. Qualifications for Lay Members. Maine Conference, Linwood R. Arnold, Secy., Newport, ME.

B-1070. Voting Rights of Lay Workers. Committee on the Lay Worker, Northern Illinois Conference, Geraldine R. Kramer, Chairperson, Chicago, IL.

B-1071. Right of Interim Pastor to Participate in Annual Conference. J. Stewart Kreiss, Southern California-Arizona Conference.

B-1072. Retired Ministers' Participation in Annual Conference. J. Stewart Kreiss, Southern California-Arizona Conference.

B-1073. Voting Rights of Lay Delegates. Michael Toland, Moore-Wallace UMC, Canton, TX.

B-1074. Representation from Small Churches on Conference Agencies. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

B-1075. Persons to be Seated in Annual Conference. Central New York Conference, Stanley C. Robinson, Secy.

B-1076. Representatives from Small-Membership Churches on Conference Agencies. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Francis Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obien, TN.

B-1077. Additional Lay Member for Larger Churches. New York Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

B-1078. Requirements for Lay Delegates. Council on Youth Ministry, California-Nevada Conference, Kathy LaPoint, Chairperson, Napa, CA.

B-1079. Requirements for Lay Members of Annual Conference. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Mrs. Victoria Ford, Chairperson, Springfield, MA.

B-1080. Voting Rights of Delegates from Mission Conferences. United Methodist Women, Ruth Hall, Pres., Anthony, KS.

B-1081. Lay Missionaries to be Seated in Annual Conference. World Division, Board of Global Ministries, Bishop L. Scott Allen, Pres., New York, NY.

B-1082. Voting Rights of Probationary Members. Central Illinois Conference, Larry L. Lawler, Secy.

Petitions B-1083 through B-1085 have been entitled "Voting Rights of Associate Members." They are not identical, but similar in content.

B-1083. South Indiana Conference, Paul T. Jump, Secy.

B-1084. William C. Beougher and seven others, West Ohio Conference.

B-1085. Central Illinois Conference, Larry L. Lawler, Secy.

B-1086. Voting Restriction on Associate Members. John B. Freeman, Pacific Northwest Conference.

B-1087. Delete Provision for Voting by Orders. General Conference Committee on Rules of Order, Thomas L. Cromwell, Secy.

B-1088. Journal Listing of Ministers on Location. William A. Highfield, Wyoming Conference.

B-1089. Collection of Ministers' Obituaries. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

B-1090. Legislative Proposals from Board of Church and Society. Board of Church and Society, Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, D.C.

B-1091. Eliminate Word 'Resident' in Par. 601. Commission on the General Conference, J. B. Holt, Secy., Dallas, TX.

B-1092. Change Wording in Par. 606. Commission on the General Conference, J. B. Holt, Secy., Dallas, TX.

B-1093. Remove Restriction on Granting Ministerial Orders. Red Bird Missionary Conference, Craig L. Lyman, Secy., Beverly, KY.

B-1094. Moral and Official Conduct of the Minister. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conference.

B-1095. Endorsement of Tent-Maker Ministers. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

B-1096. Empowering the Board of Ministry to Deal with Requests for Tent-Maker Minister Status. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

B-1097. Oppose Appointment of Homosexuals. North Indiana Conference, Richard Kistler, Secy.

B-1098. Personal Integrity and Competence of Ministers. Board of the Ministry and Cabinet, Lyle T. Christianson, Chairperson, St. Paul, MN.

B-1099. Amend Par. 663.5 by Eliminating the Provision for an Executive Session. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1100. Editorial Revision in Par. 665.3. H. L. Hewze, Jr., Sledge UMC, Sledge, MS.

B-1101. Editorial Revision in Par. 892.1. Betty Purkey, First UMC, Pembroke, NC.

B-1102. Eliminate Requirements for More Than Simple Majority Vote. Dr. Wayne H. Long, California-Nevada Conference.

B-1103. Allocation of Membership on Program Boards. Reachers' Young Adult Class, First UMC, Harold P. Henderson, Leader, Tifton, GA.

B-1104. Symbolical Parliament of Mankind. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

B-1105. Conference Cemeteries and Mausoleums. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

B-1106. Provision for Changing Place of Annual Conference. Seymour District Council of Ministries, Howard Quiett, Chairperson, Quanah, TX.

B-1107. Selection of Site of Annual Conference. Carl L. Pecock, Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

B-1108. Change Annual Conference to Biennial Conference. Mary M. Weaver, Dayton UMC, Dayton, OH.

Petitions B-1109 through B-1117 have been entitled "Compositions of Annual Conferences." They are not identical, but similar in content.

B-1109. New Hampshire Conference Council on Ministries, William R. Keeffe, Council Director, Concord, NH.

B-1110. Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Young Adult Conference III: Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

B-1111. James B. Thomas, Western North Carolina Conference.

B-1112. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Chairman and Pastor, Highland UMC.

B-1113. Administrative Board, Reynolds UMC, Gary Schoof, Chairman, Ashten, IL.

B-1114. Paul E. Credle, Remsen, NY.

B-1115. William C. Beougher and seven others, West Ohio Conference.

B-1116. Iowa Conference, Susan J. Terry, Secy.

B-1117. Mississippi Conference, Mrs. Marshall Smith, Chairman.

B-1118. Voting by Orders. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Atlanta, GA.

B-1119. Delete Par. 610 of the *Discipline* — Voting by Orders. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1120. Voting Rights of Lay Pastors. Council on Ministries of Paradise Hills UMC, Mrs. Lee Cook, Chairperson and 13 others, Albuquerque, NM.

B-1121. Voting Rights. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Conference.

B-1122. Lay Pastors' Membership in Annual Conference. North Central Jurisdictional Course of Study School, James J. Babbitt, Faculty Supervisor, Evanston, IL.

B-1123. Voting Rights and Privilege of the Floor at Annual Conference for Lay Pastors. National Fellowship of Associate and Lay Pastors, Ward D. Pierce, Pres., Lake City, MI.

Petitions B-1124 through B-1155 have been entitled "Voting Rights of Lay Pastors." They are not identical, but similar in content.

B-1124. Paul E. Credle, Lay Pastor, Remsen, NY.

B-1125. Mrs. Robert E. Miller, Hendricks Hills UMC, Fort Smith, AR.

B-1126. Central Illinois Conference, Larry L. Lawler, Secy.

B-1127. Administrative Board, Reynolds UMC, Gary Schoof, Chairman, Ashton, IL.

B-1128. Administrative Board, Port Crane UMC, Isabel B. Woodworth, Secy., Port Crane, NY.

B-1129. Wyoming Conference, Edwin C. Schumacher, Secy., Binghamton, NY.

B-1130. Lawrence E. Dunn, Central New York Conference.

B-1131. Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Charles E. Weigel, Secy., Lancaster, PA.

B-1132. Charge Conference, Sanitaria Springs Charge, Elizabeth Ross, Secy., Harpursville, NY.

B-1133. Holston Confernce, Robert Boy, Secy., Harrogate, TN.

B-1134. New York Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

B-1135. National Fellowship of Associate and Lay Pastors, Ward D. Pierce, Pres., Lake City, MI.

B-1136. Mrs. Florence Behr, First UMC, Silver Springs, NY.

B-1137. Lay Pastors of Northern New York Conference, Donald Turk, Chairperson.

B-1138. Administrative Board, Blair Read UMC, N. Hugh Calbreath, Chairman, Charlotte, NC.

B-1139. Mayrna Halstead, Bowens Corners UMC, Fulten, NY.

B-1140. East Ohio Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

B-1141. Richard W. Pero, Lay Pastor, North Bay, NY.

B-1142. Leonard Brown, Moore UMC, Canton, TX.

B-1143. Charles E. Dowdell, East Ohio Conference.

B-1144. Carl L. Pecock, East Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

B-1145. Administrative Board, First UMC, Berta Hepler, Secy., Endicott, NY

B-1446. Burrell M. Ketchersid, Holston Conference.

B-1147. Holston Evangelical Fellowship, Sam Leidig, Pres., Knoxville, TN.

B-1148. Marvin E. Niblack, Missouri East Conference.

B-1149. Lay Pastor Association of the West Virginia Conference, Neal Dent, Pres., Davy, WV.

B-1150. Administrative Board, Reynolds UMC, Gary Schoof, Chairman, Ashton, IL.

B-1151. W. W. Stephens, Snyder UMC, Snyder, OK.

B-1152. 1974-75 Emory Course of Study Lay Pastors' Fellowship, Elmer H. Vollman, Secretary, Laurel, MS.

B-1153. Robert McCumber, Lay Pastor, Newport Middleville UMC, Newport, NY.

B-1154. Edgar A. Hunter, Lay Pastor, Redwood, NY.

B-1155. Charles H. Emling, UMC, Glennie, MI.

B-1156. Rights and Privileges of Lay Pastors. Carl L. Pecock, Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

B-1157. Computation of Lay Membership of Annual Conference. Leroy W. Moore, Iowa Conference.

B-1158. Church Membership Requirements for Annual Conference Lay Members. Southern California-Arizona Conference, James K. Sasaki, Conference Secy.

B-1159. Prohibition on Voting on Items Pertaining to Ministerial Support. John B. Freeman, Pacific Northwest Conference.

B-1160. Deacons to be Members of Conference Credit Unions. Carl L. Pecock, Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

B-1161. Disallow Vote of Ministerial Members on Ministerial Support Matters. John B. Freeman, Pacific Northwest Conference.

B-1162. Prohibition on Voting Items Pertaining to Ministerial Support. John B. Freeman, Pacific Northwest Conference.

B-1163. Benevolence Budget Responsibility. East Ohio Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

B-1164. Benevolence Budget Responsibility. East Ohio Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

B-1165. Reporting the Current Salaries of the Pastors. Wyatt J. Weeks, Ohio West Conference.

B-1166. Equal Pay for Equal Work. National United Methodist Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Coordinator, Urbana, IL.

B-1167. Reject all Requests for Direct Funding by any Special Interest Caucus. Charles Burlingame and three others, Taos UMC, Taos, NM.

B-1168. Committee to Study Churches Unable to Support a Minister. Phillip M. Kimmell, Western New York Conference.

B-1169. Receive and Consider Report of Study on Church Membership Trends. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

B-1170. Careful Consideration of Recommendation No. 6 from Study on Church Membership Trends. Board of Discipleship, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

B-1171. Bishop-Conference Relations Committee. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

B-1172. Open Hearings. Odie Gregg, North Alabama Conference.

B-1173. Local Ordination. L. Thomas Moore, Jr., Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

B-1174. Liaison Task Force Between Cabinet, Board of Ministry and Board of Pensions. Cabinet/Board of the Ministry Task Force of the Iowa Conference of the UMC, Edwin C. Boulton, Administative Assistant, Des Moines, IA.

B-1175. Election of Conference Lay Officers. Commission on Laity, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Leon R. Hill, Anglon, PA.

B-1176. Membership on Annual Conference Commission. General Council on Ministries, John King, Pres., Dayton, OH.

B-1177. Election to Annual Conference Agencies. Rev. Boyte, Maben UMC, Maben, MS.

B-1178. Prohibit Retired Ministers from Serving as Chariperson of Conference Boards. Ministers of the Anderson District of the South Carolina Conference, Eben Taylor, District Superintendent.

Petitions B-1179 through B-1182 have been entitled "Compostion of Annual Conference Boards, Commissions and Committees." They are not identical, but similar in content.

B-1179. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

B-1180. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

B-1181. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

B-1182. Town and Country Commission of North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

B-1183. Fifty percent Women in Membership of Conference Agencies. Tennessee Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Ellen Rosser, Chairperson, Nashville, TN.

Petitions B-1184 through B-1187 have been entitled "Council on Professional Ministry." They are not identical, but similar in content..

B-1184. National Consultation on Equitable Salaries, James D. Archer, Chairman.

B-1185. Robert L. Walker, Aberdeen First UMC, Aberdeen, WA.

B-1186. Commission on Equitable Salaries, North Alabama Conference, James D. Archer, Chairman.

B-1187. East Ohio Commission on Equitable Salaries, Thomas A. Letzler.

B-1188. Committee on Career Consultation. Section on Enlistment, Board of Local Church Ministries, Detroit Conference, Virginia Peterson, Section Supervisor, Dearborn, MI.

B-1189. Membership on Annual Conference Council on Ministries. Southern California-Arizona Conference, Marilynn Mabee, Vice-Chairperson, Los Angeles, CA.

Petitions B-1190 through B-1192 are entitled "Composition of Conference Council on Ministries." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1190. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

B-1191. Jerry G. Bray, Jr., Chesapeake Avenue UMC, Chesapeake, VA.

B-1192. Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Young Adult Conference, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

B-1193. Eliminate Conference Council Director. Odie Gregg, North Alabama Conference.

B-1194. Tenure of Conference Program Council Director. Wayne C. Jarvis, North Arkansas Conference.

B-1195. Term of Employment for Council of Ministries Staff. Rev. Carlton Carruth, South Georgia Conference.

B-1196. Responsibilities of Conference Council Director. National Association of Conference Council Directors, Dr. Anthony Shipley, Pres., Detroit, MI.

B-1197. Assignment of Additional Responsibilities to Conference Council Director. Earl W. Riddle, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.

B-1198. The Conference Council Director and Communication. National Association of Conference Council Directors, Leonard G. Rowell, Vice-President, Cherry Hill, NJ.

B-1199. Conference Council Director and Communication. National Association of Conference Council Directors, Rev. H. W. Scoates, Secy.-Treas., St. Simons Island, GA.

B-1200. Conference Council Director a Member of the Cabinet. Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Council Directors, H. W. Scoates, Pres., St. Simons Island, GA.

B-1201. Conference Council Director's Relationship to the Cabinet. National Association of Conference Council Directors, Dr. Anthony Shipley, Pres., Detroit, MI.

B-1202. The Conference Council Director's Relationship to the Cabinet. National Association of Conference Council Directors, H. W. Scoates, Secy.-Treas., St. Simons Island, GA.

B-1203. Representative of District by Women in Annual Conference. Northwest Philippines Conference, Benjamin R. Gutierrez, Conference Secy., City of Dagupan 0701 Philippines.

B-1204. Superintendent-District Relations Committee. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

B-1205. District Director of Communications. Memphis Conference, William G. Adams, Secy.

B-1206. District Director of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. Georgia United Methodist Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Dr. Dan F. Brewster, Executive Director, Atlanta, GA.

B-1207. Business of District Conference. Charles H. A. Woods, The New Hope Parish, Western Pennsylvania Conference, Roscoe, PA.

B-1208. Composition of District Council on Ministries. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

Petitions B-1209 through B-1211 have been entitled "Composition of District Conference." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1209. Jerry G. Bray, Jr., Chesapeake Avenue UMC, Chesapeake, VA.

B-1210. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

B-1211. Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Young Adult, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

B-1212. Membership of District Conference. Iowa Conference, Susan J. Terry, Secy.

B-1213. Youth and Young Adult Members of District Conference. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

B-1214. Composition of District Committee on the Ministry. Douglas Denton, East Ohio.

B-1215. Composition and Duties of the District Committee on Ministry. Board of Ministry of California-Nevada Conference, John V. Albright, Sr., Registrar.

B-1216. Lay Member of District Committee on the Ministry. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

Petitions B-1217 through B-1220 have been entitled "Committee on Church and Community Ministry Involved in Planning for Church Extension." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1217. Betty Purkey, First UMC, Pembroke, NC.

B-1218. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conference.

B-1219. Town and Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

B-1220. North Mississippi Conference United Methodist Women Executive Committee, Mrs. E. A. Stansel, Sr., Pres., Ruleville, MS.

B-1221. Annual Conference Board of Church Location and Building. Town and Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

B-1222. Conference/District Coordinators for Christian Social Involvement on Conference/District Boards of Church and Society. Women's Division, Hazel Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

B-1223. Composition of Annual Conference Committee on Education. Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Young Adult Conference, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

B-1224. Remove Quota Requirement for Membership in Council on Youth Ministry. Thurman Shuller, M.D., Grand Avenue UMC, McAlester, OK.

B-1225. Youth Membership of Annual Conferences. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conferences, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

B-1226. Youth Membership in Annual Conference. Western New York Conference, Frank J. Mucci, Secy.

B-1227. Area or Conference Director of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. Georgia United Methodist Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Dr. Dan F. Brewster, Executive Director, Atlanta, GA.

B-1228. Composition of Annual Conference Subcommittee on Family Life. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

B-1229. Membership of Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Council Directors, H. W. Scoates, Council Director, St. Simons Island, GA.

B-1230. Membership of Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Town and Country Commission of North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

Petitions Nos. B-1231 through B-1236 have been entitled "The Annual Conference Board of Global Ministries." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1231. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

B-1232. West Ohio Annual Conference, Gerald E. Erter, Pres.

B-1233. United Methodist Church Group Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

B-1234. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy., West Ohio Conference.

B-1235. Ted G. Colescott, Ada and Beltrami UMC, Ada, MN.

B-1236. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, N.Y.

B-1237. Clarify Name and Function of Conference Boards of Global Ministries. New York Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

B-1238. The Annual Conference Board of Global Ministries. Executive Committee, UMC, Mrs. E. A. Stansel, Sr., President, Ruleville, MS.

B-1239. Nomination of Annual Conference Board of the Ministry. Ronald A. Greilich, California-Nevada Conference.

B-1240. Composition of Annual Conference Board of the Ministry. Rev. Carlton Carruth, South Georgia Conference.

B-1241. Composition of Annual Conference Board of the Ministry. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1242. Addition of Layperson to Board of the Ministry. Douglas Denton, East Ohio Conference.

B-1243. Add Lay Persons to Conference Boards of Ministry. Administrative Board, Bryce Plesner, Chairman, Idaho Falls, ID.

B-1244. Right of Lay Members to Serve in Board of Ministry. Wyoming Annual Conference, Edwin C. Schumacher, Secretary, Binghamton, NY.

B-1245. Lay Members of Conference Board of Ministry. Task Force on Status & Role of Women, Missouri East Conference, Martha Ann Smith, Chairperson, Lewiston, MO.

B-1246. Membership of Lay Pastors on Conference Boards of the Ministry. Missouri East Conference, Murrell T. Cunningham, Chairman, St. Louis, MO.

B-1247. Replacement of Non-Attending Members of Conference Agencies. Commission on Equitable Salary, Wisconsin Conference, Al Eliason, Chairperson.

B-1248. Lay Representation on Conference Boards. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secretary.

Petitions Nos. B-1249 through B-1252 have been entitled "Annual Conference Commission on Parish and Community Development." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1249. Betty Purkey, First UMC, Pembroke, NC.

B-1250. Rev. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conference.

B-1251. Town & Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secretary, Graysville, IN.

B-1252. UMC Group Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, N.C.

B-1253. Commission on Parish and Community Development. Dorsey H. Walker, Section/Dutton UMC, Section, AL.

B-1254. Commission on Parish and Community Development. Town and Country Committee, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

B-1255. Commission on Town and Country Ministries. Northern Illinois Conference Commission on Town and Country Ministries, Romaine W. Tenney, Chairman.

Petitions Nos. B-1256 through B-1271 have been entitled "Parish Development and Cooperative Parish Ministries." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1256. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Annual Conference.

B-1257. Dorsey H. Walker, Section/Dutton UMC, Section, AL.

B-1258. Betty Purkey, First UMC, Pembroke, NC.

B-1259. Ted G. Colescott, Minnesota Annual Conference.

B-1260. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Annual Conference.

B-1261. Council for Dynamic Rural Ministry, Donald Taft, Chairperson, Ashtabula, OH.

B-1262. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Francis Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

B-1263. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

B-1264. West Ohio Annual Conference, Gerald E. Erter, President, The Plains, OH.

B-1265. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

B-1266. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, Columbus, OH.

B-1267. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conference, William E. Burley, Secretary.

B-1268. Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

B-1269. North Mississippi Conference United Methodist Women, Executive Committee, Mrs. E. A. Stansel, Sr., President, Ruleville, MS.

B-1270. Town and Country Committee, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

B-1271. Town and Country Committee, South Indiana Conference, Jerry Crouse, Secretary, Graysville, IN.

Petitions Nos. B-1272 through B-1275 have been entitled "Annual Conference Commission on Status and Role of Women." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1272. The Tennessee Conference Commission of the Status and Role of Women, Ellen Rosser, Chairperson, Nashville, TN.

B-1273. Conference Council on Ministries, Central Illinois Conference, Eugene J. Moore, Council Director.

B-1274. Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

B-1275. National United Methodist Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Coordinator, Urbana, IL.

B-1276. Affiliated Autonomous Churches. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, President, New York, NY.

B-1277. Flexibility to Request Autonomy. World Division, Board of Global Ministries, Bishop L. Scott Allen, President, New York, NY.

B-1278. Procedure for an Annual Conference to Become Autonomous. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1279. Legislative Proposals on Provisional Annual Conferences. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, President, New York, NY.

B-1280. Changes in Organization of a Missionary Conference. Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Rev. Kenneth Scott, Secretary, Oklahoma City, OK.

B-1281. Legislative Proposals Concerning the Missionary Conference. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, President, New York, NY.

B-1282. Revise Definition of a Missionary Conference. Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Rev. Kenneth Scott, Secretary, Oklahoma City, OK.

B-1283. Representation in the General Conference of the Missionary Conferences. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1284. Voting Rights of Delegates from Missionary Conferences to General Conference. Mission of Supportive Community, East Ohio Conference United Methodist Women, Lois M. Hubler, coordinator, Poland, OH.

B-1285. Consider Creating Additional Central Conferences in Africa. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1286. National Spanish-speaking Missionary Conferences. Wm. Bernando O'Neill, Rio Grande Conference.

B-1287. Pension Provisions for Ministers in Alaska Missionary Conference. Alaska Missionary Conference, John J. Shaffer, Special Assistant, Nome, AK.

B-1288. Autonomy for Methodist Church in the Philippines. Coordinating Council, Philippines Central Conference, Byron W. Clark, Assistant Secretary, Manila, Philippines.

B-1289. Continuation of Southwest Philippines Provisional Conference. Coordinating Council of the Philippines Central Conference, Byron W. Clark, Assistant Secretary, Manila, Philippines.

B-1290. Philippine UMC to be Affiliated Autonomous. Coordinating Council of the Philippines Central Conference, Byron W. Clark, Assistant Secretary, Manila, Philippines.

B-1291. Responsibility for Oriental-American Congregations. Eight United Methodists of the Class "Strangers In The Land" of the School of Religion, William W. Reiley, Teacher, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1292. Responsibility for Oriental-American Congregations. William W. Reiley, West Ohio Conference.

B-1293. Recognition of the Methodist Church of Southern Asia as a Continuing Central Conference of the United Methodist Church. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1294. Recognition of the Methodist Church of Southern Asia as a Continuing Central Conference of the United Methodist Church. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James K. Mathews, President, New York, NY.

B-1295. Membership and Voting Rights of Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Southern California- Arizona Annual Conference, James K. Sasaki, Secretary.

B-1296. Indian Missionary Conference. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, President, New York, NY.

B-1297. Pastoral Appointments in the Oklahoma Missionary Conference. Mission of Supportive Community, East Ohio Conference, United Methodist Women, Lois Hubler, Coordinator, Poland, OH.

B-1298. Voting Rights for Oklahoma Mission Conference. Stratford UMC, Mrs. Kenneth Lewis, Chairperson of the Administrative Board, Stratford, CT.

B-1299. Recognition of Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Ministerial Orders. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

B-1300. Recognize Delegates of Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. National United Methodist Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Cocoordinator, Urbana, IL.

Petitions Nos. B-1301 through B-1304 have been entitled "Voting Rights for Oklahoma Mission Conference." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1301. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Secretary.

B-1302. Lester L. Moore, Iowa Annual Conference.

B-1303. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, President, Silver Springs, MD.

B-1304. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie P. Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

B-1305. Voting Rights for Oklahoma Indian Mission at the 1980 General Conference. West Ohio Annual Conference, Keith Nash, Assistant Secretary, Columbus, OH.

B-1306. Remove Restriction on Ordained Ministry within Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Rev. Kenneth Scott, Secretary.

B-1307. Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Voting Rights. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

B-1308. Ordination Within Oklahoma Mission Conference. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Secretary.

B-1309. Resolution Committee for Annual and General Conference. D. E. Cunningham, MD, St. Albans UMC, St. Albans, WV.

B-1310. Relation of Social Principles to Scripture. Administrative Board, Rosewood UMC, W. P. Fiser, Minister and 14 others, West Memphis, AR.

B-1311. Deliberations in Accordance with Scripture. Administrative Board, Maynard UMC, Marion A. Tomyl, Chairman, Maynard, MA.

B-1312. Priority for Spiritual Concerns. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Fred A. Warren, Chairman, Pasco, WA.

B-1313. Additions to Glossary of Terms. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town & Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

B-1314. Additions to Glossary of Terms. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Annual Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

B-1315. Responsible Consideration of Petitions. Odie Gregg, North Alabama Annual Conference.

B-1316. Receiving and Reporting Petitions. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

B-1317. Submission of Petitions to General Conference. Newell P. Knudson, Petitions Secretary, California-Nevada Annual Conference.

B-1318. (title omitted from *DCA* printing). Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Secretary.

B-1319. Clarify Wording to Broaden Petition Process. Administrative Board, High Street UMC, David P. Harris and 41 others, Muncie, IN.

B-1320. Preacher's Book Exchange. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

B-1321. Discontinue Printing the Journal of the General Conference. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

B-1322. Motto for Quadrennium "Every Congregation a Servant." Woodrow Seals, UMC, Houston, TX.

B-1323. Motto for Quadrennium "Every Congregation a Servant." Mrs. Jackie Harkrider, Pollard Memorial UMC, Tyler, TX.

B-1324. Quadrennium Emphasis: "Every Congregation a Servant." Administrative Board, Faith UMC, Anthony Webster, Minister, South Houston, TX.

B-1325. Petition Plan for Annual Conferences. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, Edward F. Altes, Secretary.

B-1326. Purpose of the Annual Conference. East Ohio Annual Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Secretary, Bucyrus, OH.

B-1327. Reduced Attendance at Annual Conference. A. L. Temple, Kailua UMC, Kailue, HI.

B-1328. Deaconessess to be Seated as Lay Members of the Annual Conference. Minnesota Annual Conference, William B. McPherson, Conference Lay Leader, Minneapolis, MN.

B-1329. Role of Deceased Lay Pastors in Conference Journal. Harvie E. Bickers, Wesley Chapel UMC, Hiram, GA.

B-1330. Inclusion of Evangelicals in Annual Conference Structures. Margaret Cooper and 72 others, Community UMC, Elyria, OH.

B-1331. At-Large Delegates to Annual Conference. Charles D. White and Julian A. Lindsey, Western North Carolina Conf.

B-1332. Qualifications for Lay Delegates. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

B-1333. Qualifications for Lay Delegates of Annual Conference. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

B-1334. Lay Member of Annual Conference for Each Church. Constance Hall Wagenblass, UMC, Warsaw, NY.

B-1335. Small Church Voice. The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, William Walker, Chairman, Corvallis, OR.

Petitions Nos. B-1336 through B-1340 have been entitled "Composition of Annual Conferences." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1336. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

B-1337. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

B-1338. Administrative Board, Ebenezer UMC, Albert Zinck, Chairman, Streeter, ND.

B-1339. Edgar A. Hunter, Lay Pastor, Redwood, NY.

B-1340. Administrative Board, Emmanuel UMC, Reuben Schlecht, Chairman, Medina, ND.

Petitions Nos. B-1341 through B-1346 have been entitled "Membership of Annual Conference." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

B-1341. Richard W. Pero, Lay Pastor, North Bay, NY.

B-1342. Central New York Conference, Stanley C. Robinson, Secretary.

B-1343. Robert McCumber, Lay Pastor, Newport-Middleville Charge, Newport, NY.

B-1344. Lay Pastors of Northern New York Conference, Donald Turk, Chairperson.

B-1345. Board of Ministry, Southwest Texas Annual Conference, Dan E. Solomon, Chairman.

B-1346. Myrna Halstead, Lay Pastor, Bowens Corners UMC, Fulton, NY.

B-1347. Conference Lay Leader to Preside over Annual Conference. Carl L. Pecock, Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

B-1348. Responsibilities of Lay Ministerial Members of Annual Conferences.

Steering Committee of the North East District Council on Ministries, Wisconsin Conference, Karl E. Sager, Vice Chairperson, Appleton, WI.

B-1349. One Lay Member of Annual Conference for each Parish Minister. Merle Powers, Good Shepherd UMC, Mt. Clemens, MI.

B-1350. Representation from Small Churches on Conference Agencies. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, President.

B-1351. Annual Conference Lay Membership. Ina Shipman, Batestown UMC, Danville, IL.

B-1352. Election of General Conference Delegate. Charles H. A. Woods, The New Hope Parish, West Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Roscoe, PA.

B-1353. Meetings and Powers of the Jurisdictional Conferences. Committee on Conferences, Central UMC, Robert W. Moon, Chairman, Stockton, CA.

B-1354. Change in Boundaries of Memphis Conference. D. L. Stica, Calvert UMC, Calvert City, KY.

B-1355. Voting Rights of Lay Pastors. New Mexico Annual Conference Good News Evangelical Renewal Group, Charles Burlingame, New Mexico Annual Conference Delegate, Taos, NM.

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS[2]

B-1356. Composition of Annual Conference Commission on Worship. Task Force on Parish Reformation, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson, South Georgia Conference.

B-1357. Composition of Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Task Force on Parish Reformation, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson, South Georgia Conference.

B-1358. Membership of District Council on Ministries. Association of Conference Presidents, United Methodist Men, Dean F. Davis, Secy., Church of the Good Shepherd, Arlington, Texas.

B-1359. Annual Conference Commission on Parish and Community Development. Task Force on Parish Reformation, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson, South Georgia Conference.

B-1360. Conference President UMM on Annual Conference Council on Ministries. Association of Conf. Pres., UMM, Dean F. Davis, Secy., Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arlington, Texas.

B-1361. Inclusion of Persons from Small-Membership Churches on Conference Agencies. Task Force on Parish Reformation, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson, South Georgia Conference.

B-1362. Time for General Conference to Meet. Administrative Board, Glenn Lust, Chairman, Northwest Texas Conference.

B-1363. District Committee of Superintendency. Seymour District Council on Ministries, Jim T. Pickens, District Superintendent, Abilene, Texas.

B-1364. Election of Lay Delegates at Annual Conference. George Pearce, Jr., Louisiana Annual Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

B-1365. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

B-1366. Ethnic Minority Local Church Priority (Addendum to GCOM Reports). Committee on Reference.

B-1367. Delete Provisions for Voting by Orders. Committee on Reference.

B-1368. General Council on Ministries Resolution I. Committee on Reference.

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[2]See footnote, page 974.

NEW MATERIAL REFERRED

B-1393. Composition of General Conference. Missouri West Conference, Robert E. Goodrich, Bishop.

For petitions re-referred to this committee, see pages 1106-1111.

C. Discipleship

C-1001. Change in General Rule on Drunkenness. Kenneth W. Swartz, Forest Hill UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.

C-1002. Reaffirm Doctrine of Articles of Religion. Mark Lee, Chatsworth UMC, Chatsworth, CA.

C-1003. Doctrinal Statement. Richard C. Christy plus two members, UMC, Dallas, TX.

C-1004. Statement of Purpose of the Church. Edmund B. Stanton, Oregon-Idaho Conference.

C-1005. Delete Statement on Doctrinal Pluralism. Administrative Board, UMC, Charles C. Jordan, Chairman, Dothan, AL.

C-1006. Oppose Position of Pluralism. Administrative Board, Melbourne UMC, Doris Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.

C-1007. Remove "Our Theological Task" from Discipline. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Atlanta, GA.

C-1008. Theological Guidelines. Richard C. Long, North Georgia Conference.

C-1009. Black Contributions to History and Theology. Board of Church and Society, Central Illinois Conference, Donald R. Black, Chairman.

C-1010. Deletion of the Articles of Religion, Par. 69. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

C-1011. Wording of Lord's Prayer. South Central District Administrative Board, Nebraska Conference, Marvin V. Herrick, District Superintendent, Grand Island, NB.

C-1012. Change Wording of Lord's Prayer. Administrative Board, Dysart UMC, Dysart, IA.

C-1013. Change the Wording of the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. A. Vernon Jenson, Gethsemane UMC, New Berlin, WI.

C-1014. Footnote on "Holy Catholic Church." Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1015. Delete Holy Catholic From Apostles' Creed. Edgar F. Pepper, Jr., St. Marks UMC, Belmont, NC.

C-1016. Religious Instructions for the Life After Death. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1017. Clarify Korean Creed. Miles C. Freeman, Ogunquit UMC, Ogunquit, ME.

C-1018. Theological Study Commission on the Sacraments. Yellowstone Annual Conference, James E. Dickinson, Secy., Buffalo, WY.

C-1019. Change of Rubric Concerning Holy Communion. William A. Highfield, Wyoming Conference.

C-1020. Order for the Service of Marriage. Central Illinois Conference, Larry L. Lawler.

C-1021. Alternate Marriage Ceremony. Janet Mowery, Church of the Lakes UMC, Canton, OH.

C-1022. Use of Unfermented Grape Juice in Holy Communion. Franklin P. Frye, Southern New England Conference.

C-1023. Unfermented Grape Juice for Communion. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1024. Sacrament of Sacred Sharing an Alternate Order for the Lord's Supper. Division of Worship, North Carolina Conference, William Sabiston III, Chairperson, Wallace, NC.

C-1025. Revision of Communion Ritual. Earl H. Cunningham, East Ohio Conference.

C-1026. Revision of Part of Communion Ritual. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1027. Permissible Use of Wine in the Eucharist. Administrative Board, Woodmere UMC, Woodmere, NY.

C-1028. Consideration of Sacrament of Sacred Sharing in Order for Lord's Supper. Council on Ministries, John Hammond Crum, Chairman, Benson, NC.

C-1029. Ritual for "Prayer Voting." Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1030. Service of Deconsecration. C. Douglas Mayo, Virginia Conference.

C-1031. Ritual for Child Adoption. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1032. Ritual for Church Membership. Guston H. Browning, Texas Conference.

C-1033. Marriage Ceremony a Sacrament. Administrative Board, First UMC, Robert Erwin, Chairman, Bellefontaine, OH.

C-1034. Baptism by Immersion. Clyde Page, Mt. Vernon UMC, Danville, VA.

C-1035. Take Position on Method of Baptism. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1036. Baptismal Water from River Jordan. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1037. Delete Sentence from Baptismal Ritual. Sylvan L. Nussbaum, North Indiana Conference.

Petitions C-1038 through C-1043 have been entitled "Infant Dedication." They are not identical, but similar in content.

C-1038. J. Robert Miller, Western Pennsylvania Conference.

C-1039. East Ohio Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

C-1040. William J. Reibel plus 24 members, Westlake UMC, Westlake, OH.

C-1041. Administration Board, Anna Brooks, Chairperson, Walden, NY.

C-1042. Edmund B. Stanton, Oregon-Idaho Conference.

C-1043. Oregon-Idaho Conference, William O. Walker, Chairman, Corvallis, OR.

C-1044. Authority of the Bible. Ralph E. Scholz, UMC, Huron, KS.

C-1045. Authority of the Bible. Vernon Hitz, Montezuma UMC, Montezuma, KS.

C-1046. Support "Affirmation of Scriptural Christianity." James R. Heaney, Southern Illinois Conference.

C-1047. Racial and Ethnic Minority Cultural Contributions to United Methodist Liturgy and Hymns. Women's Div., Mrs. Clifford Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

C-1048. Inclusive Theology, Language and Imagery. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

Petitions C-1049 through C-1065 have been entitled "Looseleaf Contemporary Hymnal." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

C-1049. Bill Marx, California-Nevada Conference.

C-1050. Charles Klosterman, Northern Illinois Conference.

C-1051. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

C-1052. One hundred identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

C-1053. Administrative Board, Gwendolyn M. Jolly, Chairperson, Arcata, CA.

C-1054. Noreen Marx, UMC, Arcata, CA.

C-1055. Mr. and Mrs. Ed P. Coppedge and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foreman, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

C-1056. Rev. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Conference.

C-1057. North Carolina Conference, James H. Coile, Secy., Trenton, NC.

C-1058. Glenn A. Young, Jr., Rockville, MD.

C-1059. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1060. Mrs. Richard Hassan, Trinity UMC, Genoa, OH.

C-1061. Allen W. Morgan, Cedar Grove UMC, Shreveport, LA.

C-1062. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

C-1063. East Ohio Conference, Allan J. Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

C-1064. East Ohio Chapter of Black Methodists for Church Renewal. Eighty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

C-1065. Commission on Status and Role of Women, California-Nevada Conference, Barbara Troxell, Chairperson.

C-1066. Independent Operation of the Upper Room. Earle H. MacLeod, Calvary UMC, Nashville, TN.

C-1067. Justification of Budgetary Overrun. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenk, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

C-1068. Responsibility of Board of Discipleship. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

C-1069. Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

Petitions C-1070 through C-1074 have been entitled "Amendment to Legislative Proposal." They are not identical, but similar in content.

C-1070. Board of Discipleship, Kenneth Goodson, Pres., Nashville, TN.

C-1071. Executive Committee of the Board of Discipleship, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres., Nashville, TN.

C-1072. Administrative Board of Discipleship, Kenneth Goodson, Pres., Nashville, TN.

C-1073. Board of Discipleship, Kenneth Goodson, Pres., Nashville, TN.

C-1074. Board of Discipleship, Kenneth Goodson, Pres., Nashville, TN.

C-1075. Remove United Methodist Literature From Favored Status Position. John H. Ashley, Trinity UMC, Harwood, MD.

C-1076. Composition of Program-Curriculum Committee. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference. Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

C-1077. Composition of Program-Curriculum Committee. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

C-1078. Church School Curriculum. Alabama-West Florida Conference, Lloyd A. Kimbrough, Conf. Secy., Marianna, FL.

C-1079. Church School Curriculum on Basic Methodist Beliefs. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Morgan, Florence UMC, KY.

C-1080. Curricular Resources Consistent with Orthodox Commitments. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fox, Mount Vernon UMC, Wichita, KS.

C-1081. Curriculum Material Based on Evangelical Christianity. Dorothy M. Clark, Basic UMC, Earlysville, VA.

C-1082. Curriculum to Reflect Orthodox Positions of "Landmark Documents." Joint Council on Ministries, Page Hope Finley UMC, Dwayne Davis, Chairman, Hope, ND.

Petitions C-1083 to C-1087 inclusive are titled "Curriculum to Teach Basic Methodist Beliefs."

C-1083. Mrs. Anna Hall, UMC, Florence, KY.

C-1084. Fourteen various members from Florence UMC, Florence, KY.

C-1085. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coppedge and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foreman, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

C-1086. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, David L. G. Willats, Chairperson, Orchard, NB.

C-1087. Christine P. Hicks, Florence UMC, KY.

C-1088. Curriculum to Teach More Evangelical Theology. L. Thomas Moore, Jr., Eastern Pennsylvania Conf.

C-1089. Instruction in Church Membership for Children. Mrs. Neil Haymaker, UMC, New Haven, WV.

C-1090. Mission Studies for Children and Youth. Executive Committee UMW, Mrs. William Miller, Millersville, PA.

C-1091. Oppose Using Homosexuals as Counsellors or Church School Teachers. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, William J. Woodman, Chairman, Schenectady, NY.

C-1092. "Orthodox Curriculum Track" Editor. Administrative Board, Dan E. Mitchell, Chairman, Columbia, TN.

C-1093. Priorities for Program Curriculum Committee. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Conference.

C-1094. Religious Education Curriculum for Sunday School. John C. Brooks, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC.

C-1095. Renew Sunday School. Loraine Henning, Christ UMC, Columbus, OH.

C-1096. Section on Curriculum Resources Restriction on Working Through NCC and WCC. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Daniel E. Pferdeort, Chairman, Baltimore, MD.

C-1097. Single Adult Program. Steering Committee, Single Adult Group, University UMC, Dorothy Golus, Chairperson, Wichita Falls, TX.

C-1098. Space in Church School Curriculum for General Agencies. Oklahoma Conference, Luman T. Cockerill, Secy., Oklahoma City, OK.

C-1099. Specialized Curriculum Resources. Robert Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

C-1100. Specialized Curriculum Resources. Dr. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Conference.

C-1101. Subcommittee on Use of United Methodist Curriculum Materials. Administrative Board, Archer Paye, Chairman, San Diego, CA.

C-1102. Support Renewal of Sunday School. Arthur E. Fothergill, Christ UMC, Gahanna, OH.

C-1103. Task Force to Plan for Strengthening Sunday School. Administrative Board of Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

C-1104. Provision for Expenses of Jurisdictional Caucuses. Council on Youth Ministries, Iowa Conference, Arthur B. Campney, Program Consultant.

C-1105. Approve National Advisory Council on Scouting. Administrative Board, St. James UMC, Wm. C. Kallal, Chairman, Tucson, AZ.

C-1106. National Advisory Committee on Scouting. Lloyd W. Barnard, Southern Illinois Conference.

C-1107. Denominational Student Movement. R. Dulaney Barrett, Chaplain, Oklahoma City Univ., OK.

C-1108. Delete Paragraph 1003. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

C-1109. Amendments to Proposed Legislation on Youth Ministries. Council on Youth Ministries, Western North Carolina Conference, Rev. J. P. Heafner, Conference Coordinator, Charlotte, NC.

C-1110. Composition of Council on Youth Ministry. Thurman Shuller, M.D., McAlester, OK.

C-1111. Create New Organization of United Methodist Youth. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Maurice Webb, Chairman, Rochester, MN.

C-1112. Create New Organization to Represent Youth. Administrative Board, First UMC, Minden, LA., Jerry Price, Recording Secy., Minden, LA.

C-1113. Delete Paragraph on Authority for Youth Ministry. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Nashville, TN.

C-1114. Funding for the Jurisdictional Caucuses or Councils on Youth Ministry. Council on Youth Ministries, California-Nevada Conference, Kathy LaPoint, Chairperson, Napa, CA.

C-1115. Line of Responsibility of Council on Youth Ministry. East Ohio Conference, Allan Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

C-1116. Membership on United Methodist Council on Youth Ministry. John A. Mason, West Virginia Conference.

C-1117. More Representative Youth Council. Administrative Board, Gladys P. Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.

C-1118. New Organization of United Methodist Youth. Council on Ministries, Wesley UMC, Don Patton, Chairman, Marion, OH.

C-1119. A New National Youth Organization. Senior High Youth, St. Luke's UMC, Melinda Watkins, Secy., St. Petersburg, FL.

C-1120. New Youth Organization. Manassas Charge Conference, Paul Allen Beighley, III, Pastor, Manassas, VA.

C-1121. Organization and Structure of National Youth Ministry Organization. Conference Council on Youth Ministries, Western North Carolina Conference, Rev. J. P. Heafner, Conference Coordinator, Charlotte, NC.

C-1122. Organization of Council on Youth Ministry. East Ohio Conference, Allan Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

Petitions C-1123 through C-1133 have been entitled "Reform and Reorganization of United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries." They are not identical, but similar in content.

C-1123. High Schoolers Sunday School Class, Leah Mogford plus various signatures, Corralis, NM.

C-1124. Fifteen various signatures from Rogersville UMC, TN.

C-1125. Conference and Administrative Order, Youth Ministry, Larry Manley, Chairperson, Nashville, TN.

C-1126. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Gordon and Neva Martin, Co-Chairmen, Rochester, MN.

C-1127. Eloise C. Hatfield, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

C-1128. Administration Board, Trinity UMC, Robert Price, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

C-1129. Administration Board, Henning UMC, Dorothy Perkins, Recording Secy., Sulphur, LA.

C-1130. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coppedge, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

C-1131. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Veatch, Fulton UMC, Fulton, KY.

C-1132. L. Thomas Moore, Jr., Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

C-1133. Council on Ministries, Brenda Festerman, Recording Secy., Lubbock, TX.

C-1134. Replace Council on Youth Ministry. Administrative Board, Haynesville UMC, Maurice J. Birdwell, Recording Secy., Haynesville, LA.

C-1135. Representative National Youth Organization. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

C-1136. Responsibility for Youth Ministry. East Ohio Conference, Allan Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

C-1137. Oppose Position of Council on Youth Ministry Concerning Homosexuality. United Methodist Youth Fellowship, First UMC, William A. Clair plus 79 various signatures. Perkasie, PA.

C-1138. Suspend Activities of Council on Youth Ministry. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenk, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

C-1139. Eliminate Minority Youth Caucuses. Thurman Shuller, M.C., Grand Avenue UMC, McAlester, OK.

C-1140. Removal of Inactive Members. Paul E. Sandlin, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

C-1141. National Membership Plan. William Crouch plus nineteen various signatures, North Texas Conference.

C-1142. Careful Consideration of Recommendation No. 1 of Study of Church Membership Trends. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

C-1143. Careful Consideration of Recommendation No. 2 of Study of Church Membership Trends. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

C-1144. Careful Consideration of Recommendation No. 4 from Study of Church Membership Trends. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

C-1145. Careful Consideration of Recommendation No. 5 from Study of Church Membership Trends. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

C-1146. Decline in Church Membership. Nelson Gray, First UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

C-1147. Study Membership Decline. Joe Everett, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

C-1148. Study Membership Decline. Decline of Male Membership, James Groover, chairman, Ochlocknee, GA.

C-1149. Study Reasons for Decline of Male Membership. George Wright, Sr., First UMC, Tifton, GA.

C-1150. Study Reasons for the Decline of Male Membership. United Methodist Men, Horace DeFore, Pres., Macon, GA.

C-1151. Study Reasons for Decline in Male Membership. Horace Ether, First UMC, Media, PA.

C-1152. Clubs for Reciting of Scripture in Public Places. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1153. Support Evangelistic Thrust of World Methodist Council. West Ohio Conference Council on Ministries, Emerson Colaw, Chairperson, Cincinnati, OH.

C-1154. Gang Evangelism. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1155. Concurrence With Lausanne Conference Statement. Robert Coleman, North Indiana Conference.

C-1156. Center Attention on Evangelism and Ministry. Joe B. Everett, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

C-1157. Priority on Evangelism. Council on Ministries, Edwin D. Mitchell, Secy., Cleveland, TN.

C-1158. Priority on Evangelism and Ministry. George A. Wright, First UMC, Tifton, GA.

C-1159. Priority on Evangelism Emphasis. Administrative Board, Carl Thornsberry, Chairman, Granite City, IL.

C-1160. Emphasis on Evangelism. Administrative Board, Lloyd Murray, Chairman, Little Rock, AR.

C-1161. Quadrennial Program on Evangelism and Membership Recruitment. Philip Niblack, Missouri East Conference.

C-1162. Role of Personal Evangelism. Nameoki UMC, Mrs. Dorothy Ashford, Pres., Granite City, IL.

C-1163. World Evangelism. Administration Board, Albert Coleman, First UMC, Clyde, OH.

C-1164. World Evangelism. Arthur Kirk, East Ohio Conference.

C-1165. Emphasis on Personal Salvation. Administration Board, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.

C-1166. Emphasis on Personal Salvation. Administration Board, Lois Harper plus 19 various signatures, Louisville, IL.

C-1167. Emphasis on Personal Salvation and Redemption. Administration Board, Wilmington UMC, Robert Pelle, Chairman, OH.

C-1168. Quadrennial Emphasis on Personal Salvation. Mark Lee, Chatsworth UMC, Chatsworth, CA.

C-1169. Support Charismatic Movement. Rev. and Mrs. Dale Payne, South Indiana Conference.

C-1170. Charismatic Movement. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coppedge, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

C-1171. Receive and Refer Report on Study of Charismatic Movement. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

C-1172. Concerning Changing Sexist Reference in Communion Ritual. Earl Cunningham, East Ohio Conference.

C-1173. Eliminate Sexist Language. East Ohio Conference, Allan Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

C-1174. Elimination of Sexist Language in the *Discipline* and Worship Resources. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

C-1175. Eliminate Season of Kingdomtide. Marshall Esty, Northern Illinois Conference.

C-1176. Methodist Lectionary. G. Russell Oaks, California-Nevada Conference.

C-1177. Ecumenical Lectionary for the Christian Year. Wisconsin Conference, William Stevens, Conf. Secy.

C-1178. Organizational Music Coordinators. Paul Reed, Grosse Pointe UMC, MI.

Petitions C-1179 to C-1184 inclusive are titled "Composition of Annual Conference Commission on Worship.

C-1179. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Francis Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

C-1180. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

C-1181. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

C-1182. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James Benson, Chairman, Highland UMC.

C-1183. Town and Country Commission, Rev. Howard Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

C-1184. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurence Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

C-1185. Alternate Orders of Worship. Central Illinois Conference, Larry Lawler.

C-1186. Change Numbering of Pages in Ritual. Holston Conference, Robert Boy, Secy., Harrogate, TN.

C-1187. Change of Wording in Worship Materials, William Brigden, Kansas West Conference.

C-1188. Changing the World Through Prayer. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1189. Proxy Prayer Plan. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1190. Prayer for Every Member. Bennett Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1191. Prayer Vigil for Bicentennial. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Jim Harrison, Tulsa, OK.

C-1192. Contributions to Charities Through the Church. Bennett Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1193. Income from Interest on Members' Savings. Bennett Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1194. Change Date of Laity Sunday. Conference Council, Western New York Conference, Frank J. Mucci, Secy., Buffalo, NY.

C-1195. Change Scheduled Time of Laity Sunday. Administrative Board, Asbury First UMC, H. Bruce Russell, Secy., Rochester, NY.

C-1196. Covenant Sunday. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

C-1197. Evangelism Sunday. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

C-1198. Evangelism Week. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

C-1199. Lay Witness Activities. Carl L. Peacock, Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

C-1200. Composition of District Committee on Lay Life and Work. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

C-1201. Composition of District Committee on Lay Life and Work. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

C-1202. Composition of Division of Lay Life and Work. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference. Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

C-1203. Executive Committee of District Committee on Lay Life and Work. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

C-1204. Responsibility of Division of Lay Life and Work. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

C-1205. Responsibility of Division of Lay Life and Work. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

C-1206. Conference Lay Leader. Horace Ether, First UMC, Media, PA.

C-1207. District Leader. Horace Ether, First UMC, Media, PA.

C-1208. Function and Certification of Lay Speakers. Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Claude Schoenly, Director of Lay Speaking, Philadelphia, PA.

C-1209. Lay Speakers. Horace Ether, First UMC, Media, PA.

C-1210. Responsibilities of a Lay Speaker. Western New York Conference, Frank Mucci, Secy.

C-1211. UMM Organization at Jurisdictional Conference Level. Russell Baker plus four members, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

C-1212. Men's Division of Board of Discipleship. Harry K. Underwood, Marvin Memorial UMC, Silver Spring, MD.

C-1213. Structure of Board of Discipleship and United Methodist Men. Jerry Bray, Jr., Chesapeake Avenue UMC, VA.

Petitions C-1214 through C-1220 have been entitled "Men's Division of Board of Discipleship." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

C-1214. R. G. Mayfield, UMC, Lexington, KY.

C-1215. Kentucky Conference Board of Laity, Ray Litton, Flemingsburg, KY.

C-1216. Division United Methodist Men, Cabinet of UM Men, Donald March, Pres., Lexington, KY.

C-1217. David E. Zimmerman, UMC, Richmond, VA.

C-1218. Kentucky Conference Board of the Laity. C. R. Hager, Chairman.

C-1219. UMC of Men of Park, Starling P. Gregory plus twenty-one various members, Pres., Lexington, KY.

C-1220. Kentucky Conference, W. Fred Chapman, District Lay Leader, Ashland, KY.

C-1221. United Methodist Men. South Georgia Conference, C. W. Hancock, Secy., Macon, GA.

Petitions C-1222 through C-1225 have been entitled "United Methodist Men's Division." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

C-1222. Samuel Bramlett, Baytown UMC, Baytown, TX.

C-1223. Samuel C. Bramlett, Baytown UMC, Baytown, TX.

C-1224. Floyd H. Coffman, UMC, Ottawa, KS.

C-1225. Board of Laity of the Virginia Conference. Willard H. Douglas, Jr., Assoc. Lay Leader, Richmond, VA.

C-1226. United Methodist Men's Fellowship in Every Local Church. Virginia Conference, Artis J. Payne, Vice-President, UMM, Virginia Beach, VA.

C-1227. Organizational Structure for UM Men. Marshall R. Baker, North Bethesda UMC, Clarksburg, MD.

C-1228. Quadrennial Study of Family Life. Executive Committee of the Board of Discipleship on behalf of the Family Life Committee and the Board of Discipleship, Kenneth Goodson, Pres. Nashville, TN.

C-1229. Resolution on the Family. Board of Discipleship, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres., Nashville, TN.

C-1230. Family Memorial Plan, Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1231. Use of Ralph McDonald's Painting, "To the Glory of God" Within the Church. Bedouin Baden, UMC, Yuba City, CA.

C-1232. Utilization of the Prestige of the Office of Bishop for the Purpose of Evangelization. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1233. Commission to Explore Psychic Heritage. Karl Squier, Lehman UMC, Santa Cruz, CA.

C-1234. Consider Publication of Manuscript on Religious Experiences of Methodist Bishops. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1235. Counteract Work of Non-Orthodox Groups. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1236. Development of a Protestant Rosary. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1237. Gospel Chain. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1238. Grave Markers for Deceased Members. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1239. Martyrological Center. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1240. Recommend that After-Death Appearances Be More Significant. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1241. Record of Religious Visions. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1242. Rededication of Burning Cross as a Christian Symbol. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1243. The Blessings Possible to Transcendental Ecumenicity. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

C-1244. Minimum Age to Receive Communion. Mrs. John Michaels, Good Shepherd UMC, Waldorf, MD.

C-1245. Reorganize National Level Youth Organization. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Ray Buckingham, Chairman, Marion, OH.

C-1246. Use of Church School Literature. Administrative Board, Cluker G. Page, Chairman, San Diego, CA.

C-1247. Infant Dedication. J. Robert Miller, Western Pennsylvania Conference.

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C-1248. Preparation for Confirmation. David Wilde, Community UMC, Fond du Lac, Wis.

C-1249. Study Commission on the Church's Processes of Moral and Ethical Discipline. Rev. Dr. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Annual Conference, St. Petersburg, Fla.

C-1250. Specialized Curriculum Resources. Florence L. Sapp, St. Luke's UMC, St. Petersburg, Fla.

C-1251. Composition of General Board of Discipleship. Assoc. of Conference Presidents, United Methodist Men, Dean F. Davis, Secy., Arlington, Texas.

C-1252. Children's Christian Television Program. Patricia L. Collins, Sharon UMC, Charlotte, N.C.

C-1253. Structure for United Methodist Men. W. C. Vaughan, Dist. Lay Leader, Lynchburg District, UMC.

C-1254. National Project for United Methodist Men. United Methodist Men, Virginia Conference, J. Edgar Rowe, Conference President, Hampton, Va.

C-1255. United Methodist Men's Division. United Methodist Men, Virginia Conference, J. Edgar Rowe, Conference President, Hampton, Va.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

C-1256. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

For petitions re-referred to this committee, see pages 1106-1111.

D. Higher Education and Ministry

D-1001. The Nature of Ministry. Everett R. Jones, Damascus UMC, Damascus, MD.

D-1002. Emphasis on Ministry of the Laity. Baltimore Annual Conference, Harold B. Wright, Secy., Linthicum Heights, MD.

D-1003. Recommendations of Committee to Study the Ministry. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, F. Thomas Trotter, General Secy., Nashville, TN.

D-1004. Screening and Psychological Testing of Ministerial Candidates. National UM Women's Caucus, Christine Modisher, Co-coordinator, Urbana, IL.

D-1005. Requirements and Procedures for Entering the Ministry. North Carolina Annual Conference, James H. Coile, Conference Secy.

D-1006. Part-time Service Credit for Membership in Full Connection. New York Annual Conference Commission, Rev. Robert D. Meadows, Secy., Queens Village, NY.

D-1007. Probation for Clergy Couples. West Michigan Annual Conference. Lawrence R. Taylor, Conference Secy., Grand Rapids, MI.

D-1008. Qualifications for Probationary Membership. Board of the Ministry, Lyle T. Christianson, Chairperson, St. Paul, MN.

(Note: Petitions Nos. D-2296 through D-2298 and D-2303 are of similar content.)

D-1009. Qualifications for Ordination. National Fellowship of Associate Members and Lay Pastors. Ward Pierce, Pres., Lake City, MI.

Petitions Nos. D-1010 through D-1013 have been entitled "Admission into Probationary and Full Membership." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

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[3]See footnote, page 974.

D-1010. National Fellowship of Associate and Lay Pastors, Ward D. Pierce, Pres., Lake City, MI.

D-1011. Board of the Ministry, Western North Carolina Annual Conference, C. Garland Young, Board Secy., Belmont, NC.

D-1012. Board of the Ministry, Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

D-1013. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, Edward Altes, Jr., Secy.

D-1014. Waiver of Post Seminary Service Requirement. Administrative Board of Alexandria First UMC, George McDermott, Chairman, Alexandria, IN.

D-1015. College Equivalency Examination for Probationary Membership. Ramon Navarro, Rio Grande Conference.

D-1016. College Equivalency Examination for Probationary Membership. Joe L. Palor, Rio Grande Conference.

D-1017. Committee to Evaluate Educational Requirements for Ministry with Minority Groups. Ramon Navarro, Rio Grande Conference.

D-1018. Committee to Evaluate Minimum Educational Requirements for Ministry for Minority Groups. Felicitas A. de Garnez, Rio Grande Conference plus seven other signatures, Eagle Pass, TX.

D-1019. Alternative to College or University Work. Div. of Ordained Ministry, West Michigan Annual Conf., Dr. Carlos Page, Chairperson, Benton Harbor, MI.

D-1020—D-1029. (Numbers not used)

D-1030. Committee to Evaluate Educational Requirements for Ministry with Minority Groups. Joe Palos, Rio Grande Conference.

Petitions Nos. D-1031 to D-1033 inclusive are titled "Educational Requirements for Ministers."

D-1031. S. J. Walker, UMC, Fulton, KY.

D-1032. Mr. and Mrs. John King, UMC of Chapel Hill, So. Fulton, TN.

D-1033. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halman, UMC, Union City, TN.

D-1034. Educational Requirements for Conference Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Davis Dixon plus two signatures, UMC, Fulton, KY.

D-1035. College Equivalency Examination for Probationary Membership. Thirty-five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-1036. Equivalent Work for Bachelor of Arts Degree. North Central Jurisdictional Course of Study School, James Babbitt, Faculty Supervisor, Evanston, IL.

D-1037. Alternative to College or University Degree. Administrative Board, Reynolds UMC, Gary Schoof, Chairman, Ashton, IL.

D-1038. Address All Ordained Ministers as "Pastor." Donald F. George, Western North Carolina Conference.

D-1039. Ministry-Oriented Report Form. Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Robert Longenecker, Superintendent, Allentown, PA.

D-1040. Responsibility of Pastor for Encouraging Use of Literature. James Hall, Jr., Florida Annual Conf.

D-1041. Pastor's Right of Access to Records. Wesley Ummel, Missouri East Conference.

D-1043. Terminology Relating to Ministers. John H. Crum, North Carolina Conference.

D-1044. Privileged Information. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

D-1045. Clothing of Women Ministers. Bryan Taylor, UMC, Lewisport, KY.

D-1046. Oppose Ministers Relationship with Commercial Tours. Marvin Nelson, Fort Bragg UMC, Fort Bragg, CA.

Petitions Nos. D-1047 through D-1049 have been entitled "A. Cecil Williams, Authorize Censure Of." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1047. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Conference.

D-1048. Ruby Decker plus 88 various signatures, Community UMC, Elyria, OH.

D-1049. Mary M. Fowls plus 98 various signatures, First UMC, Elyria, OH.

D-1050. Retain Present Statement on the Conduct of the Ministry, Par. 306. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Bruce Wilson, Chairman, Wichita, KS.

D-1051. Oppose Changes in "Assurance of Character" in Candidates. Robert C. Pugh, D.D., Kentucky Conf.

Petitions Nos. D-1052 through D-1057 have been entitled "Oppose Liberalization of Abstinence Requirement." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1052. Sixteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-1053. Administrative Board, Stewart Memorial UMC, Mrs. Ross Riviello, Secretary, Old Forge, PA.

D-1054. Adult Department, Sunday School of the Perrysville UMC Church, Ohio East Conference, Scio, OH.

D-1055. Adult Department, Sunday School of the Perrysville UMC Church, Ohio East Conference, Scio, OH.

D-1056. Administrative Board, Calkins UMC, Mrs. William Van De Lind, Chairperson, Beach Lake, PA.

D-1057. Administrative Board, Beach Lake UMC, Mrs. Ethel Frey, Chairperson, Beach Lake, PA.

Petitions Nos. D-1058 through D-1066 have been entitled "Retain Paragraph on Responsible Self-Control." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1058. Administrative Board, Harry Nopps, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

D-1059. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jerry Price, Recording Secy., Minden, LA.

D-1060. Administrative Board, First UMC, Gladys Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.

D-1061. Administrative Board of Trinity UMC, Robert Price, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

D-1062. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Gordon Martin, Co-chairman, Rochester, MN.

D-1063. Administrative Board, Haynesville UMC, Maurice J. Birdwell, Recording Secy., Haynesville, LA.

D-1064. Fifteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-1065. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Maurice Webb, Chairman, Rochester, MN.

D-1066. Administrative Board, Henning UMC, Dorothy Perkins, Recording Secy., Sulphur, LA.

D-1067. Encourage Ministers to Record Visions of Jesus. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

D-1068. Collection of Stories of Visions of Jesus. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

D-1069. Remove Divorced Minister from Pastoral Ministry. Council on Ministries, A. Jean Lyons, Chairperson, Berry, KY.

D-1070. Ministers To Have Privilege of The Conference in Which They Serve. F. Don Burkhart, California-Nevada Conference.

D-1071. Missionaries To Be Associate Members of Conference in Which They Are Serving. World Division, Board of Global Ministries, Bishop L. Scott Allen, Pres., New York, NY.

D-1072. "Affiliate Pastors," Newell P. Knudson, California-Nevada Conference.

D-1073. Transfer of Minister To Another Conference. Iowa Annual Conf., Susan Terry, Conf. Secy.

D-1074. Change in Conference Relationship. South Carolina Annual Conference, Allan Broome, Secy.

Petitions Nos. D-1075 through D-1078 have been entitled "Church Membership of Ministers." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1075. William A. Highfield, Wyoming Conference.

D-1076. Board of the Ministry and Cabinet, Lyle Christianson, Chairperson, St. Paul, MN.

D-1077. Cabinet of Minnesota Conference, Donald L. Walkes, Secretary.

D-1078. Wisconsin Conference, William Stevens, Conf. Secy.

D-1079. Creation of Classification of Sustained Ministers. Henry W. Reigel, Iowa.

D-1080. Office of Adjunct Pastor. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, Edward Altes, Jr., Secy.

D-1081. Admission to Conference Membership. William C. Beougher plus eight various signatures, West Ohio Conference.

D-1082. Duty of A Pastor to Preside Over Church Conference. Seymour B. Ingerson, Spavinaw UMC, OK.

D-1083. Women in the Ministry. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

D-1084. Encourage Women to Enter Ordained Ministry. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

D-1085. Encourage Women to Enter Ordained Ministry. Members of the UMC to Titusville, PA.

D-1086. Ethnic Women Clergy Recruitment. National UM Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Co-coordinator, Urbana, IL.

Petitions Nos. D-1087 through D-1089 have been entitled "Oppose Ordination of Women." They are identical, but similar in content.

D-1087. Mrs. Jeanne Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.

D-1088. Sanna G. LeVan, Seward Memorial UMC, Seward AK.

D-1089. Administrative Board, Robert McCoen, Pres., Bucklin, KS.

D-1090. (Numbered in error.)

D-1091. Continuing Education for Recertification. General Conference Delegation, Rocky Mountain Conference, Harvey H. Potthoff, Chairman, Denver, CO.

D-1092. Job Performance Review of Pastors. Janice Beedon, Hope UMC, Torrance, CA.

D-1093. Emotional Health of Clergy and their Families. National UM Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Co-ordinator, Urbana, IL

D-1094. Responsibility of Member in Full Connection. David L. Crawford, West Michigan.

D-1095. Examination on Standards of Doctrine. William C. Crouch plus 24 various signatures, North Texas Conference.

D-1096. Alternative Provision for Ordination of Elders. Victoria Martinez, Bayamon Gardens UMC, Puerto Rico.

D-1097. One Order of Ordination. New Mexico Annual Conference Good News Evangelical Renewal Group, Charles Burlingame plus five various signatures, Taos, NM.

D-1098. Ordination and Conference Membership. William H. Hunter, New York Annual Conference.

D-1099. Ordination as Minister of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service. Wisconsin Conference of the UMC, Wm. V. Stevens, Conf. Secy.

D-1100. Function of Ordained Ministry. LeRoy Davis, Jr., Virginia Conference.

D-1101. Ordination of Deacons. Central Pennsylvania Conference, UMC, John Bruhlen, Secretary, Catawissa, PA.

D-1102. Discontinue Diaconate. Board of the Ministry and Cabinet, Lyle Christianson, Chairperson, St. Paul, MN.

D-1103. Establishment of a Permanent Diaconate. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. Edward Altes, Secy.

D-1104. Permanent Diaconate. California-Nevada Board of Ministry, John Albright, Sr., Registrar, Redding, CA.

D-1105. Ordination of Deacons. LeRoy Davis, Virginia Conference.

D-1106. Re-definition of "Deacon", Lawrence Dunn, Central NY Conference.

D-1107. Diaconal Ministry. Section on Lay Ministry, Wm. Reiley, Chairperson, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1108. Diaconal Ministries. Board of Directors, Edwin Upton, President, Nashville, TN.

D-1109. Continue Practice of Ordaining All Ministers as Deacons. Wm Dunkle, Jr., Northern Illinois Conf.

D-1110. Role and Status of Deacon. Ray Boykin, UMC, Ozona, TX.

D-1111. Organization of Council on Professional Ministries. James H. Womack, Western North Carolina Conference.

D-1112. Pastor's Responsibility in Counseling. Board of Church and Society, Virginia Conference, Helen Hodges, President.

D-1113. Ministry to the Deaf. Minister's Association, Louis Foxwell, Baltimore North District of the Baltimore Annual Conference.

D-1114. Provision for Maternity Leave. Northern New Jersey Conference Task Force for Women in Ordained Ministry, Theodore C. Linn, Co-chairperson, Madison, NJ.

D-1115. Maternity/Paternity Leave. National UM Women's Caucus, Christine Modisher, Coordinator, Urbana, IL.

D-1116. Maternity/Paternity Leave. New York Annual Conference Commission, Rev. Robert Meadows, Secy., Queens Village, NY.

D-1117. Requirements for Leave of Absence. Martha G. Rowlett, California-Nevada Conference.

D-1118. Interim Appointment for Ministers on Voluntary Location. Edwin C. Boulton, Ottumwa UMC, IA.

D-1119. Sabbatical Leaves. Maine Annual Conference, Linwood R. Arnold, Secy., Newport, ME.

D-1120. Supernumerary Ministers—Pension Credit. New York Annual Conference, Clifford H. Field, Jr., Conf. Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

D-1121. Interim Appointment for Ministers in Supernumerary Relationship. Iowa Annual Conference, Dr. Edwin Boulton, Chairman, Ottumwa, IA.

D-1122. Provisions Governing Supernumerary Relationship. East Ohio Annual Conference, Allan Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

D-1123. Rights of Ministers in Supernumerary Relationships. George E. Harris, New York Conference.

D-1124. Sabbatical Leave for Tent-Maker Ministers. Wisconsin Annual Conference, William Stevens, Conf. Secy.

D-1125. Study Commission on Itineracy System. Commission on Status and Role of Women, California-Nevada Annual Conference. Barbara B. Troxell, Chairperson.

D-1126. Study Commission of Itineracy System. National UM Women's Caucus, Christine Modisher, Urbana, IL.

D-1127. Indefinite Pastoral Appointments. John H. Emerson, California-Nevada Conference.

D-1128. Tenure of Pastors. Gordon Baker, Baltimore Conference.

D-1129. Maximum Length of Appointment in One Charge. Mrs. O. D. Cole plus six various signatures, St. Luke's UMC, Central Texas.

D-1130. Limit on Length of Pastoral Appointment. Frank D. Dennis, Northern New Jersey Conference.

D-1131. Appointment of Pastors for More Than One Year. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

D-1132. Three-year Appointments. Gilbert H. Vieira, California-Nevada Conference.

D-1133. Eight-year Limit on Ministerial Appointments. Rev. Zane G. Norton, Western NC Annual Conference.

D-1134. The Appointment of Ministers. LeRoy Davis, Jr., Virginia Annual Conference.

D-1135. Appointment of Pastors. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

D-1136. Appointment of Pastors. Administrative Board, Evangelical UMC, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.

D-1137. Appointment to a Charge of Minister in Special Appointment. Board of Ministry, Daniel V. Weaver, Chairperson, Concord, NH.

D-1138. Co-Pastorates. National UM Women's Caucus, Christine Modisher, Co-coordinator, Urbana, IL.

D-1139. Appointment of Co-Pastors. Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference, James K. Sasaki, Conf. Secy.

D-1140. Appointment of Co-Pastors. Board of Church and Society, Southern California-Arizona Annual Conf., Mildred Hutchinson, Chairperson, Los Angeles, CA.

D-1141. Clergy Couples and Minimum Salary. New York Annual Conference Commission, Rev. Robert D. Meadows, Queens Village, NY.

D-1142. Clergy Couple Appointments. West Michigan Annual Conference, Lawrence R. Taylor, Conf. Secy., Grand Rapids, MI.

D-1143. Appointment of Married Persons in Same Household. (Source omitted from *DCA* printing).

D-1144. Appointment of Women Ministers and Clergy Couples. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

D-1145. Definition of Full-time Service. William Keeffe, New Hampshire Conference.

D-1146. Members in Full Connection. LeRoy Davis, Jr., Virginia Conference.

D-1147. Definition of Member in Full Connection. West Michigan Conference, Lawrence Taylor, Conf. Secy.

D-1148. Appointment of an Elder Outside the Conference of Membership. J. Gordon Melton plus 12 signatures, Emmanuel UMC, Evanston, IL.

D-1149. Oppose Ministers Holding Executive Positions. Edward Johnson, Western Pennsylvania Conference.

D-1150. Appointments Outside Church Structure. George E. Harris, New York Conference.

D-1151. Annual Recommendation in Appointment of Evangelist. Walter Vernon, Nashville, TN.

D-1152. Clarification of Income from Outside Employment. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens.

D-1153. Consider Part-time Appointments. Commission on Status and Role of Women, California-Nevada Annual Conference, Barbara Troxell, Chairperson.

D-1154. Consultation with Local Congregations in Making Pastoral Appointments. Delores J. Jones plus 64 various signatures, UMC, Rosemount, MN.

D-1155. Special Study of Guaranteed Employment of Members of the Annual Conference. Board of Ministry of California-Nevada Annual Conference, John Albright, Sr., Registrar.

D-1156. Study of Ways of Increasing the Competence and Effectiveness of Members of the Annual Conference. California-Nevada Conference, Newell P. Knudson, Secy., Eureka, CA.

D-1157. Special Appointments and Voluntary Location. Minnesota Annual Conference Board of the Laity. William B. McPherson, Conference Lay Leader, Minneapolis, MN.

D-1158. Annual Report by Ministers in Special Appointment. The Yellowstone Annual Conference, James Dickinson, Secretary, Buffalo, WY.

D-1159. Vote in Charge Conference by Pastors on Special Appointment. Doris J. Rudy, First UMC, Evanston, IL.

D-1160. Rights of Ministers on Special Appointment. George E. Harris, New York Conference.

D-1161. Ministers Under Special Appointment. Staff of Canterbury UMC, Birmingham, AL. Denson Franklin, Minister.

D-1162. Relationship of Tent-Maker Ministers to Other Ministers. Wisconsin Conference, Wm V. Stevens, Conf. Secy.

D-1163. Tent-Making Ministries. Northern Illinois Conference, Charles Klosterman, Conf. Secy., Downers Grove, IL.

D-1164. Tent-Maker Ministries. F. Don Burkhart, California-Nevada Conference.

D-1165. Part-time Appointment. The Board of Ministry of the California-Nevada Annual Conference, John V. Albright, Sr., Registrar.

D-1166. Part-time Ministry. National UM Women's Caucus, Christine Modisher, Urbana, IL.

D-1167. Provision for Tent-Maker Ministry. Wisconsin Annual Conference. William V. Stevens, Conf. Secy.

D-1168. Proposal for Worker-Priest Form of Ordained Ministry. Daniel H. Benson, Agape UMC, Lubbock, TX.

D-1169. Duties of Pastor in Tent-Making Ministry. Wisconsin Conference, Wm. Stevens, Conf. Secy.

D-1170. Amendment to Provision for Appointment in and to Society. LeRoy Davis, Jr., Virginia Conference.

D-1171. Appointment "In and To Society." Board of Ministry, Daniel V. Weaver, Chairperson, Concord, NH.

D-1172. Eliminate Par. of Pastor "In and To Society." Board of Ministry, Daniel Weaver, Chairperson, Concord, NH.

D-1173. Clarification of Special Appointment "in and to society." Lester L. Moore, Pastor, Iowa Annual Conference.

D-1174. Authority of Local Pastor. R. D. Baker, Essex Memorial UMC, Essex, ME.

D-1175. Appearance of Lay Pastor Before Board of the Ministry. National Fellowship of Associate and Lay Pastors. Ward D. Pierce, Pres., Lake City, MI.

D-1176. Right of Each Appointed Pastor to Administer Sacraments. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

D-1177. Duty of Pastor to Administer Sacraments. Administrative Board, Reynolds UMC, Gary Schoof, Chairman, Ashton, IL.

D-1178. Upgrade Status of Local Preachers. Kenneth Turner, UMC, Fulton, KY.

D-1179. Privilege of Voice in General Conference for President of National Fellowship of Lay Pastors. The National Fellowship on Associate and Lay Pastors.

D-1180. School Requirement for Supply Pastors. Stephen Sherwood, Grapeland UMC Circuit.

D-1181. Provision for Lay Pastors to Serve as Voting Members of Annual Conference, Board of the Ministry, Western North Carolina Conference, Board of the Ministry, C. Garland Young, Board Secy., Belmont, NC.

Petitions Nos. D-1182 to D-1196 inclusive are titled, "Voting Rights of Lay Pastors."

D-1182. East Ohio Annual Conference, Allan Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

D-1183. Council on Ministries, Administrative Board of the Ganges UMC, Phyllis Sorensen, Chairman.

D-1184. Lawrence Clayton plus 14 signatures, Dawson UMC, TX.

D-1185. West Michigan Annual Conference, Lawrence Taylor, Conf. Secy., Grand Rapids, MI.

D-1186. Rev. Alex Borsos, Jr., So. New Jersey Annual Conference.

D-1187. Florida Annual Conference, Walter Cross, Conf. Secy., New Port Richey, FL.

D-1188. South Carolina Conference, Allan Broome, Secy.

D-1189. Minnesota Annual Conference, Milton Lentz, Conf. Secy.

D-1190. Parkersburg District Conference, D. Keith Clarke, Secy., Ravenswood, WV.

D-1191. North Central Jurisdictional Course of Study School, James J. Babbitt, Faculty Supervisor, Evanston, IL.

D-1192. Mr. and Mrs. Ed P. Coppedge, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

D-1193. William Beougher plus 17 others, West Ohio Conference.

D-1194. Administrative Board, Mt. Zion UMC, W. Harvey Mohr, Chairman and 27 various signatures, Rogers, OH.

D-1195. Administrative Boards. Nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of Petitions Secretary.

D-1196. Victoria Martinez, Bayamon Gardens UMC "El Olivar", Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

D-1197. Administration of Sacraments by Seminary Students Serving Charges. Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Dorothy M. Hamilton and 130 signatures, UMC, Richwood, OH.

D-1198. Permission for Lay Pastors to Administer Sacraments. Administrative Board, First UMC, Mrs. Frances Anne Blocker, Secy., Palmer, TX.

D-1199. Authority of Lay Pastors to Administer Sacraments. Student Council of the Course of Study and Task Force School, Bud Robinson, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

D-1200. Authority to Serve Communion. Margie Carter plus 26 signatures, Ridern UMC, Ennis, TX.

D-1201. Authority to Administer Sacraments. C. C. Sessions, Central Texas Conference.

D-1202. Authority to Administer Sacraments. Waxahachie District Caucus, Central Texas Annual Conference, C. C. Sessions, Chairman, Waxahachie, TX.

Petitions Nos. D-1203 to D-1206 inclusive are titled "Administration of Sacraments by Lay Pastors."

D-1203. Carl W. Carrier, plus 15 signatures, UMC of Weskan, Sharon Springs, KS.

D-1204. Administrative Board, Miller UMC, Thomas H. Sager plus 10 others, Johnstown, OH.

D-1205. Administrative Board, Reynolds UMC, Gary Schoof, Chairman, Ashton, IL.

D-1206. Eugene Walker plus 16 others, UMC of Weskan, Sharon Springs, KS.

D-1207. Administration of Sacraments by Student Pastors, Southern Illinois Annual Conference, Earl R. Renshaw, Conf. Secy., Mt. Vernon, IL.

D-1208. Enabling Authorized Lay Persons to Assist in Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Board of Ministry, California-Nevada Annual Conference, John V. Albright, Sr., Registrar.

D-1209. Enabling Authorized Lay Persons to Administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. California-Nevada Annual Conf., Newell P. Knudson, Secy., Eureka, CA.

D-1210. Full Ministerial Services in Small Churches. First UMC, TNT Class, Helen Miller plus 22 others, Fairfield, IL.

D-1211. Temporary Authority to Administer Sacraments. C. C. Sessions, Central Texas Conference.

D-1212. Authority of Licensed Laymen to Administer Sacraments. Madge Conner, New Hope Church, So. Fulton, TN.

D-1213. Authority of Lay Pastor. McAlester District Conference, Oklahoma Annual Conference, Loren G. Heaton, Dist. Supt., McAlester, OK.

D-1214. Rights of Lay Pastors to Administer the Sacraments. Council on Ministries, W. B. Petty, Jr., Lay Leader, Jefferson City, TN.

D-1215. Lay Pastor Right to Administer Sacraments. Marvin E. Niblack, Missouri East Conference.

Petitions Nos. D-1216 through D-1221 have been entitled "Right of Lay Pastors to Administer Sacraments." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1216. Council on Ministries and The Administrative Board, Christin Allen, Chairman, Hillsboro, TX.

D-1217. Administrative Board, Lake City UMC, Tim Murphy, Chairman, Lake City, MI.

D-1218. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Veatch, UMC, Fulton, KY.

D-1219. Waxahachie District Caucus, C. C. Sessions, Chairman, Waxahachie, TX.

D-1220. District Board of Laity of the Fort Worth District, Warren Green, District Lay Leader, Fort Worth, TX.

D-1221. Church and Community Committee, Carthage UMC, Hawkins W. Clark, Chairperson, Carthage, TN.

D-1222. Rights of Lay Pastors. Memphis Annual Conference. William G. Adams, Secy.

D-1223. Rights of Lay Pastor. Administrative Board of Findley Lake UMC, Florence L. Boozel, Chairperson, Findley Lake, NY.

Petitions Nos. D-1224 to D-1238 inclusive are titled "Right of Lay Pastors to Administer Sacraments."

D-1224. Northeast Missaukee Parish Church Conf., Lois Whipple, Secretary, West Michigan Conference.

D-1225. Rev. Boyd Hood, Hammond District, Louisiana Conference.

D-1226. Council on Ministries, Paradise Hills UMC, Mrs. Lee Cook, Chairperson, and 12 signatures, Albuquerque, NM.

D-1227. James L. Hypes and 20 signatures, Yawkey UMC, Hamlin, WV.

D-1228. North Central Jurisdictional Course of Study School, James J. Babbitt, Faculty Supervisor, Evanston, IL.

D-1229. Administrative Board, Doris Lee Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.

D-1230. Administrative Board, Donald Dahl, Chairperson, New Market, IN.

D-1231. Burrell M. Ketchersid, Holston Conference.

D-1232. Holston Evangelical Fellowship, Sam Leidig, Pres., Knoxville, TN.

D-1233. Administrative Board, New Hope UMC, Dorothy Reams, Recording Secy., Martin, TN.

D-1234. John Hammond Crum, North Carolina Conference.

D-1235. New Mexico Annual Conference Good News Evangelical Renewal Group, Ronald E. Brown, Albuquerque, NM.

D-1236. Board of Ministry, North Arkansas Conference, Jim Beal, Chairman.

D-1237. Parkersburg District Conference, D. Keith Clarke, Secy., Ravenswood, WV.

D-1238. Mrs. Thelma Agnew and seven others, Weskan UMC, KS.

D-1239. Right of any Pastor to Administer Sacraments. William G. Gee, St. Paul's UMC, Beaumont, TX.

D-1240. Rights of Lay Pastor, Kathryn A. Nonnenberg, First UMC, Silver Springs, NY.

D-1241. Oppose Authorization of Lay Pastors to Administer Sacrament. Palisade Church Conference, Elaine Peterson, Secy., Palisade, NB.

D-1242. Appearance of Lay Pastor Before Board of Ministry. William C. Beougher and 14 others, West Ohio Conf.

D-1243. Responsibility of Board of Ministry to Consult with Lay Pastor. So. Indiana Conf., Paul T. Jump, Secy.

D-1244. Certification of Church Membership of Lay Pastors. William A. Highfield, Wyoming.

D-1245. Change Name of Lay Pastor. W. W. Stephens, Snyder UMC, Snyder, OK.

D-1246. Disability Leave for Lay Pastors. Florence D. Arkley, Ohio West Conference.

D-1247. Duties of Lay Pastors. Administrative Board, G. Dan Washington, Chairman, Olathe, CO.

D-1248. Duties of a Lay Pastor. North Central Jurisdiction Course of Study School, James J. Babbitt, Faculty Supervisor, Evanston, IL.

D-1249. Guarantee Continuation of Office of Lay Pastor. Holston Conference Board, Charles Lippse, Knoxville, TN.

D-1250. Listing Discontinued Lay Pastors. William A. Highfield, Wyoming Conference.

D-1251. Prohibition from Voting on Conference Budget. Lawrence E. Dunn, Central New York Conference.

D-1252. Responsibilities of Lay Pastors. Charles E. Dowdell, East Ohio Annual Conference.

D-1253. Retirement of Lay Pastors. Lawrence E. Dunn, Central New York Conference.

D-1254. Optional Retirement of Lay Pastors at Age 62. Florence D. Arkley, Ohio West Conference.

D-1255. Status of Elder for Ordained Supply Pastor. Carl L. Pocock, Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

D-1256. Lay Pastors' Membership in Annual Conference. North Central Jurisdictional Course of Study School, James J. Babbitt, Faculty Supervisor, Evanston, IL.

D-1257. Length of time for Lay Pastor to Complete Requirements for Becoming Ordained Elder. Effie May Young, St. Luke's UMC, Corpus Christi, TX.

Petitions Nos. D-1258 through D-1265 have been entitled "Qualifications of Lay Pastor for Associate, Probationary and Full Membership." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1258. Rev. William H. Porter, South Carolina Conference.

D-1259. William L. Chamberlin, Coalport UMC, Coalport, PA.

D-1260. Dallas S. Leomer, Emeigh UMC, Barnesboro, PA.

D-1261. Margaret G. Price and 23 others, UMC.

D-1262. Robert L. Frye and 14 others, Cherry Tree UMC, Cherry Tree, PA.

D-1263. Administrative Board of Cherry Tree UMC, PA.

D-1264. Clarence C. Shaffer, UMC, Marchand, PA.

D-1265. Ronald E. Marshall, Trinity UMC, Patton, PA.

D-1266. Qualifications for Student Lay Pastors. William A. Highfield, Wyoming Conference.

D-1267. Ordination of Lay Preachers. Iowa Conference of the UMC, Kenneth E. Metcalf, Supt., Des Moines, IA.

D-1268. Liberalize Provisions For License to Preach. Arthur W. White, Yawkey UMC, Yawkey, WV.

D-1269. Licensing and Certification of Preachers. Central Illinois Conference, Larry L. Lawler.

D-1270. Status of Lay Pastors. Rober H. Pinto, New Milford UMC, Highland Mills, NY.

D-1271. Scholarship Program for Associate and Lay Pastors. J. William McNally, Baltimore.

D-1272. Lay Persons to Assist in Laying on of Hands. Conference Board of the Ministry, Conference Cabinet and Wyoming Annual Conference, Edwin C. Schumacher, Secy., Binghamton, NY.

Petitions Nos. D-1273 to D-1289 inclusive are titled "Counseling Elders."

D-1273. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George D. Almquist, Pastor, Fredonia, KS.

D-1274. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

D-1275. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders of the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

D-1276. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Annual Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

D-1277. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor, Portland, OR.

D-1278. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Memphis Conference, SEJ Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

D-1279. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference. Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

D-1280. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

D-1281. Town and Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

D-1282. Ted G. Colescott, Minnesota Conference.

D-1283. W. F. Appleby, No. Mississippi Conference.

D-1284. Jerry N. Howard, Kansas East Annual Conference.

D-1285. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conference.

D-1286. William Carter, UMC, Waterford Charge, OH.

D-1287. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Durham, NC.

D-1288. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

D-1289. Committee on Ministry, Central Illinois Conference, Burt McIntosh, Chairperson, Bloomington, IL.

D-1290. District Elder. Donald F. George, Western NC Conference.

Petitions Nos. D-1291 to D-1308 inclusive are titled "Nomination of Counseling Elders Par. 354.13."

D-1291. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

D-1292. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

D-1293. UMC Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Conference, Gerald Erter, President, The Plains, OH.

D-1294. Parish and Community Development Committee. George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

D-1295. UMC Group Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Exec. Dir., Hayesville, NC.

D-1296. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

D-1297. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conference, William E. Burley, Secy.

D-1298. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conference, William E. Burley, Secy.

D-1299. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

D-1300. West Ohio Annual Conference, Gerald Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

D-1301. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

D-1302. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances L. Sharp, Prog. Dir., Obion, TN.

D-1303. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Exec. Dir., Hayesville, NC.

D-1304. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Pastor, Fredonia, KS.

D-1305. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

D-1306. Town and Country Committee, Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

D-1307. Ted G. Colescott, Minnesota Annual Conference.

D-1308. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Annual Conference.

D-1309. Ordination of Elders. LeRoy Davis, Jr., Virginia Conference.

D-1310. Provision for Counseling Elders. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Annual Conference.

D-1311. Responsibility for Nominating Counseling Elders. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Annual Conference.

D-1312. Presiding Elder. John H. Emerson, California-Nevada Conference.

D-1313. Right of Associate Member to Serve on any Conference Board. The National Fellowship of Associate and Lay Pastors. Ward D. Pierce, Pres., Lake City, MI.

D-1314. Admission of Associate Member to Conference Membership. Arnold H. Crowley, Immanuel UMC, Waltham, MA.

D-1315. Function of Associate Member. William C. Beougher and 15 others, West Ohio Annual Conference.

D-1316. Qualifications for Associate Membership. Rio Grande Conference Board of the Ministry, Conrado G. Soltero, Chairman, El Paso, TX.

D-1317. Responsibilities of Associate Members. Samuel J. Devine, South Indiana Conference.

D-1318. Right of Associate Members of an Annual Conference to Vote for Delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. (source omitted from *DCA* printing.)

D-1319. Right of Associate Members to Serve as Delegates. South Indiana Annual Conference. Paul T. Jump, Conf. Secy.

D-1320. Associate Member Relationship. Barnes S. Pitsinger, Holston Conference.

D-1321. Reception of Associate Member into Full Relationship. E. Vaughn Powell, North Indiana Conference.

D-1322. Continuing Education for Associate Members. Robert W. Harris, Wyoming Annual Conference.

D-1323. Voting Rights of Associate Members. Parsons District Council on Ministries, C. Edgar Manherz, Jr., Chairperson, Caney, KS.

D-1324. Voting Rights of Associate Members. Fayetteville District Conference, North Arkansas Annual Conference, Joel Cooper, Secy., Dis. Conf.

D-1325. Proportionate Pension Credit. Alice G. Morrison, Gresham, OR.

D-1326. Conference Membership of Retired Ministers. Herbert E. Ryan, Eastern Pennsylvania.

D-1327. Delete Provision for Retirement by Vote of Annual Conference. Lester L. Moore, Iowa Conference.

D-1328. Two-thirds Vote for Retirement by Annual Conference. Rev. Robert W. Harris, Wyoming Annual Conference.

D-1329. Relationship of Retired Minister to Charge Conference. Gordon P. Baker, Baltimore Conference.

D-1330. Rights and Privileges of Retired Ministers. C. Edwin Murphy, D.S., Nebraska Conference.

D-1331. Retired Ministers Not to Have Vote in Annual Conference. LeRoy W. Moore, Iowa Conference.

D-1332. Continuing Effective Relationship Beyond Retirement Age. Reverend Boyte, Maben UMC, Maben, MS.

D-1333. Time for Beginning Pension Payments. Reverend Robert M. Neely, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

D-1334. Special Grants to Retired Ministers. South Indiana Conference Board of Pensions, W. Robb Kell, Chairperson.

D-1335. Retirement from Appointment. Horace Ether, Media UMC, Media, PA.

D-1336. Retirement from an Appointment. South Georgia Conference Delegation, C. W. Hancock, Secy., Macon, GA.

Petitions D-1337 through D-1358 have been entitled "Timing of Request for Retirement." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1337. Ruth Pulliam, Mt. Olivet UMC, Taylor, MO.

D-1338. Methodist Conference Home, Inc., Robert C. Gregory, Pres., Rockland, ME.

D-1339. W. Harold Loyd, Central Illinois Annual Conference.

D-1340. Reverend Zane, Western North Carolina Conference.

D-1341. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy.

D-1342. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, Edward F. Altes, Jr., Secy.

D-1343. Board of Pensions, Minnesota Annual Conference, William O. Kvale, Exec. Secy., Mankato, MN.

D-1344. Board of the Ministry, Wisconsin Annual Conference, Hilbert Lohr, Secy., Janesville, WI.

D-1345. Administrative Board, Ernest W. Kerrison, Chairman, Rochester, NY.

D-1346. Northern New York Conference, Morton A. Magee, Secy., Watertown, NY.

D-1347. Board of the Ministry, Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Kenneth P. Rutter, Chairman, Greensburg, PA.

D-1348. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy.

D-1349. East Ohio Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

D-1350. Committee on Ministry, North Indiana Conference, James F. Morin and seven others, Dist. Supt., Fort Wayne, IN.

D-1351. Statesville District Ministers, Western North Carolina Conference, Carlton G. Alspaugh, Jr., Dist. Supt., Statesville, NC.

D-1352. New Hampshire Annual Conference, Calvin Warburton, Secy., Raymond, NH.

D-1353. Cabinet and Staff of the Minnesota Conference, Donald L. Walkes, Secy.

D-1354. David A. Highfield, Baltimore Conference.

D-1355. Dr. John W. Collins, Central Illinois Conference.

D-1356. North Indiana Conference, Richard Kistler, Secy.

D-1357. Iowa Annual Conference, Susan J. Terry, Secy.

D-1358. W. C. Stackhouse and one other, Virginia Wingard UMC, Columbia, SC.

D-1359. Definition of "Forty Years of Service." Board of Pensions, Missouri West Annual Conference, C. Byron Gilbreath, Chairman, Belton, MO.

D-1360. Alternatives to Appointment System. Joy J. Morse, Lakeport Christian Parish, Lakeport, CA.

D-1361. Consultation with Lay Member of Annual Conference in Determining Applicant. John Hammond Crum, North Carolina Conference.

D-1362. Duties of a District Superintendent. UMC Group Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

D-1363. Provisions for Fixing Ministerial Appointments. Delores J. Jones and 58 others, UMC, Rosemont, MN.

D-1364. Plan for Making Ministerial Appointments. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

D-1365. Appointment of Ministers with Consent of District Superintendents. Seymour District Council on Ministries, NW Texas Conference, Howard Quiett, Chairperson, Quanah, TX.

D-1366. District-level Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

D-1367. Committee on Superintendent-Parish Relations. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

D-1368. District Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. Administration Board, Munsey Mem. UMC, Johnson City, TN.

D-1369. Annual Conference Committee on the District Superintendency. District Superintendents of the Wyoming Conference, Philip N. Pitcher, Secy.

D-1370. Appointment of More Than One Superintendent to a District. Lester L. Moore, Iowa Conference.

D-1371. Appointment of Superintendents and Conference Executives. Western New York Conference, Frank J. Mucci, Secy.

D-1372. Associate District Superintendents. Jessie J. Martin, Palestine UMC, Pheba, MS.

D-1373. Authorization for Associate District Superintendents. Jessie J. Martin, Palestine UMC, Pheba, MS.

D-1374. Change Title 'District Superintendent' to 'Presiding Elder.' Clarence E. Kirby, Baltimore Conference.

D-1375. Consultation in Nomination of District Superintendents. Administrative Board, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.

D-1376. Consultation in Appointing District Superintendents. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

D-1377. Consultation in Appointing District Superintendents. Administrative Board, Spruce Pine UMC, William D. Johnston, Lay Leader, Spruce Pine, AL.

D-1378. Election of District Superintendents. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

D-1379. Election of District Superintendents. Council on Ministries, C. R. Reinhardt, Chairman, Louisville, KY.

D-1380. Election of District Superintendents. Odie Gregg, North Alabama Conference.

D-1381. Method of Selecting District Superintendents. Robert S. Marsh, North Carolina Annual Conference.

D-1382. District Committee on the Superintendency. Holston Annual Conference, Robert Boy, Secy., Harrogate, TN.

D-1383. District Committee on the Superintendency. Seymour District Council on Ministries, NW Texas Conference, Howard Quiett, Chairperson, Quanah, TX.

D-1384. Office of District Superintendent. Reverend Edward Johnson, W. Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

Petitions Nos. D-1385 through D-1405 have been entitled "Duties of a District Superintendent." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1385. UMC Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Durham, NC.

D-1386. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

D-1387. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

D-1388. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

D-1389. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Annual Conference.

D-1390. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

D-1391. William C. Crouch and 29 others, North Texas Conference.

D-1392. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Annual Conference, Homer Johns, Chairman, TN.

D-1393. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Annual Conference, Homer Johns, Chairman, TN.

D-1394. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., SEJ Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

D-1395. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., SEJ Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

D-1396. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

D-1397. Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, UMC, Portland, OR.

D-1398. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Portland, OR.

D-1399. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Hornbeak, TN.

D-1400. Tom Weiner and 63 others, UMC, Rosemount, MN.

D-1401. UMC Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Durham, NC.

D-1402. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

D-1403. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

D-1404. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

D-1405. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

Petitions Nos. D-1406 through D-1410 have been entitled "Limit of 12 years in District Superintendency." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1406. R. Dulaney Barrett, Oklahoma City University, OK.

D-1407. Vicksburg District Mississippi Conference, G. Eliot Jones, District Superintendent, Vicksburg, MS.

D-1408. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Causey, Midfield UMC, Birmingham, AL.

D-1409. Rev. Zane G. Norton, Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

D-1410. Rev. A. F. McClung, Virginia Conference.

Petitions Nos. D-1411 through D-1447 have been entitled "Recommendation of District Superintendent in Charge Realignment." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1411. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

D-1412. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

D-1413. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

D-1414. UMC Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Annual Conference, Gerald Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

D-1415. UMC Group Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

D-1416. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Prog. Dir., Obion, TN.

D-1417. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

D-1418. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Pastor Director, Fredonia, KS.

D-1419. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

D-1420. UMC Group Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Exec. Dir., Hayesville, NC.

D-1421. UM Group Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

D-1422. West Ohio Annual Conference, William E. Burley, Secy.

D-1423. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George D. Almquist, Pastor and Director, Fredonia, KS.

D-1424. Ted G. Colescott, Ada and Beltrami UMC, Ada, MN.

D-1425. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

D-1426. UMC Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Annual Conference, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

D-1427. UMC Group Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

D-1428. UMC Group Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Exec. Dir., Hayesville, NC.

D-1429. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

D-1430. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conference, William E. Burley, Secy.

D-1431. Minnesota Annual Conference, Delton Krueger, Alexandria, MN.

D-1432. Town and Country Committee, Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

D-1433. John T. Lundy, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

D-1434. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

D-1435. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Francis Louise Sharp, Prog. Dir., Obion, TN.

D-1436. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

D-1437. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Portland, OR.

D-1438. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conf., Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

D-1439. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Annual Conference.

D-1440. UMC Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

D-1441. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

D-1442. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

D-1443. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

D-1444. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Annual Conference.

D-1445. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Annual Conference.

D-1446. Ted G. Colescott, Minnesota Annual Conference.

D-1447. Town and Country Committee, Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

Petitions Nos. D-1448 through D-1458 have been entitled "Life Tenure for Bishops." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1448. Mrs. R. L. Douthit, Spruce Pine UMC, Spruce Pine, AL.

D-1449. Reachers' Young Adult Class, First UMC, Harold Henderson, Tifton, GA.

D-1450. Coleman Bible Class, Irvin N. Reeves, Pres., Waynesboro, GA.

D-1451. Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.

D-1452. Northern Illinois Conference, Charles Klosterman, Conf. Secy., Downers Grove, IL.

D-1453. Ed. P. Coppedge plus one other, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

D-1454. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Annual Conference.

D-1455. Mississippi Annual Conference Delegation, Mrs. Marshall Smith, Chairperson.

D-1456. Ochlocknee UMC, James T. Grover, Chairman, Ochlocknee, GA.

D-1457. J. Gordon Melton, and 10 others, Emmanuel UMC, Evanston, IL.

D-1458. The UMM, Colquitt UMC, Herman Worsley, Pres., Colquitt, GA.

Petitions D-1459 through D-1476 have been entitled "Term Episcopacy." They are similar in content, but not identical.

D-1459. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

D-1460. Rev. A. F. McClung, Virginia Conference.

D-1461. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Robert P. Blakery, Chairman, Washington, GA.

D-1462. Rev. Carlton Carruth, South Georgia Conference.

D-1463. Joseph W. Thompson, Missouri East Annual Conference.

D-1464. LeRoy W. Moore, Iowa Annual Conference.

D-1465. Administrative Board, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

D-1466. South Georgia Conference, C. W. Hancock, Secy., Macon, GA.

D-1467. DeWitt C. Ellinwood, Jr., McKownville UMC, Albany, NY.

D-1468. Joseph Mitchell, Virginia Annual Conference.

D-1469. Administrative Board, First UMC, Stephen E. Blackmon, Chairman, Washington, GA.

D-1470. Administrative Board, Roy Lee Johnson, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

D-1471. Rev. James E. Uselton, Northwest Texas Conference.

D-1472. National UM Women's Caucus, Christine Modisher, Urbana, IL.

D-1473. Council on Ministries, W. B. Petty, Jr., Lay Leader, Jefferson City, TN.

D-1474. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

D-1475. Ten identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-1476. R. Dulaney Barrett, Oklahoma Conference.

D-1477. Term Episcopacy and Election of Bishops. TNT Class, Helen Miller and 20 others, Fairfield, IL.

D-1478. Eight Year Term Episcopacy. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

D-1479. Twelve Year Term Episcopacy. Tom Werner and 60 others, Rosemount UMC, MN.

D-1480. Clarify Episcopal Tenure. Southern Illinois Annual Conference, Earl R. Renshaw, Secy., Mt. Vernon, IL.

D-1481. Annual Election of Bishops. Bruce Inglis, Westlawn UMC, Detroit, MI.

D-1482. The Election of a Spanish American Bishop. Wm. Bernardo O'Neill, Rio Grande Conference.

D-1483. The Nomination of Candidates for Bishop. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

D-1484. Nomination of Candidates for Episcopacy. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

D-1485. Nomination of Candidate for Episcopacy. R. Dulaney Barrett, Chaplain, Oklahoma City University, OK.

D-1486. Area Committee on the Episcopacy. Iowa Annual Conference. Susan J. Terry, Conf. Secy.

D-1487. Committee on Episcopacy. North Indiana Conference, Richard Kistler, Secy.

D-1488. Duties of a Bishop. South Carolina Annual Conference. Allan R. Broome, Secy.

D-1489. Duties of Bishops. John C. Lane, Christ UMC, Baltimore, MD.

D-1490. Council of Bishops to speak for UMC Between Sessions of General Conference. Reachers' Young Adult Class, Harold R. Henderson, Teacher, Tifton, GA.

Petitions D-1491 through D-1494 have been entitled "Council of Bishops to Speak for UMC Between Sessions of General Conference." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1491. Administrative Board of Trinity UMC, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

D-1492. Administrative Board, Ochlocknee UMC, James Grooner, Board Chairman, Ochlocknee, GA.

D-1493. Marden B. Boyd plus six others, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

D-1494. Horace F. Ether, First UMC, Media, PA.

D-1495. Review of Actions of General Agencies by Council of Bishops. J. A. Greenlee, Melbourne First UMC, FL.

D-1496. Study Commission on the Episcopacy and District Superintendency. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Robert P. Blakey, Chairman, Washington, GA.

D-1497. An Optional Consultative Process of Episcopal Appointment. Rev. Dr. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Annual Conference.

D-1498. Election of Bishops to Represent All Conferences in Jurisdiction. Harvey W. Phelps, M.D., Pueblo, CO.

D-1499. Twelve-Year Episcopal Residency. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

D-1500. Eight-Year Episcopal Tenure in an Area. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

D-1501. Limit Bishops to Eight Years in One Area. Rev. James E. Uselton, Northwest Texas Conference.

D-1502. Limit Bishops to Eight Years in One Area. Administrative Board, and Council on Ministries, Roy Lee Johnson, Board Chairman, Amarillo. TX.

D-1503. Provide for the Power of the Bishop to Appoint Tent-Maker Ministers. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Conf. Secy.

D-1504. Availability of Bishops. Odie Gregg, North Alabama Conference.

D-1505. Method of Fixing Boundaries of Episcopal Areas. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1506. Quota of Bishops Within Each Jurisdictional Conference. West Michigan Annual Conference. Lawrence R. Taylor, Conf. Secy.

D-1507. Early Retirement for Bishops. Rev. James E. Uselton, Northwest Texas Conference.

D-1508. Delete Paragraph on Missionary Bishops. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1509. Status and Emoluments of an Elder Who Served as Bishop of a Central Conference Up To The Time of Retirement. (Source omitted from *DCA* printing.)

D-1510. Early Retirement for Bishops. Administrative Board, and Council on Ministries, Ray L. Johnson, Board Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

D-1511. Age of Retirement for Bishops. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

D-1512. Retirement of a Bishop. W. Harold Loyd, Central Illinois Conf.

D-1513. Ministerial Education Fund. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., Pres., Nashville, TN.

D-1514. Funds for United Methodist Seminaries. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

Note: Petition No. D-2302 is of similar content.

D-1515. Study of Seminaries. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

D-1516. Re-evaluate Philosophy of Seminary Education. Janet Mowery, Church of the Lakes, UMC, Canton, OH.

D-1517. Support Evangelical Seminaries. Lois Harper and 48 others, Louisville UMC, Louisville, IL.

D-1518. Support for Asbury, Evangelical Seminaries. Administrative Board, Jack Quarles, Chairperson, Sacramento, CA.

D-1519. Support for Evangelical Seminary. Ella Pearl Bethel, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.

Petitions Nos. D-1520 through D-1525 have been entitled "Support Evangelical Seminary." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1520. Young Adult Class, Leaton UMC, Mary Cole, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

D-1521. Administrative Board, UM Seminaries, James O'Dell, Macy, IN.

D-1522. Administrative Board, Brian Houston and nine others, Pastor, Sutton, NB.

D-1523. Earl J. Rodman, O'Neill UMC, O'Neill, NB.

D-1524. Administrative Board, Donald Maw, Chairperson, O'Neill, NB.

D-1525. Administrative Board of the Evangelical UMC of Oblong, IL., Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.

Petitions Nos. D-1526 through D-1529 have been entitled "Theological Education Following the Junaluska Affirmation." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1526. L. Thomas Moore, Jr., Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

D-1527. Robert D. Snyder, East Ohio Annual Conference.

D-1528. Rev. Dr. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Annual Conference.

D-1529. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

Petitions Nos. D-1530 through D-1535 have been entitled "Evangelical Seminary."

D-1530. Mrs. G. D. Hieronymus, First UMC, Somerset, KY.

D-1531. Jeanne Fresbie and seven others, Gypsum UMC, Salina, KS.

D-1532. James W. Bruner and 30 others, Central UMC, Evansville, IN.

D-1533. Rev. Larry R. Shrout, Nebraska Annual Conference.

D-1534. Dorothy M. Clark, Basic UMC, Earlysville, VA.

D-1535. Administrative Board, David Willats, Chairperson, Orchard, NB.

D-1536. Evangelical Emphasis in Two Seminaries. Administrative Board, Georgia UMC, Kenneth W. Grenier, Chairman, St. Albans, VT.

Petitions Nos. D-1537 through D-1542 have been entitled "Establish Evangelical Seminary." They are not identical but similar in content.

D-1537. Claude J. Hagg and 20 others, UMC, Swea City, IA.

D-1538. Patricia Zee, Richwood UMC, Glassboro, NJ.

D-1539. Sheila Shrout, Potter UMC, Potter, NB.

D-1540. Gary A. Ziegler, Virginia Annual Conference.

D-1541. Administrative Board, Duane Prout, Chairman, Pleasant, MI.

D-1542. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coppedge, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

Petitions Nos. D-1543 through D-1551 have been entitled "More Orthodox Emphasis in Schools of Theology." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1543. Fairview UM Charge, UMYF, and 46 others, Pinnacle, NC.

D-1544. Administrative Board, Raymond J. Anderson, Chairman, Clay Center, NB.

D-1545. Administrative Boards, Level Cross and New Hope UMC, James W. White, Pastor, Dobson, NC.

D-1546. Rev. Athel J. Lynch, West Michigan Conference.

D-1547. Mrs. Wayne Kintz, Peace UMC, Richland Center, WI.

D-1548. Administrative Board, Dan E. Mitchell, Chairman, Columbia, TN.

D-1549. Katherine H. Chalk, First UMC, Morehead City, NC.

D-1550. Merle G. Benson, UMC, Oakridge, OR.

D-1551. Council on Ministries, Margaret Harlan, Chairperson, Oklahoma City, OK.

D-1552. Theological Education in Liberation and Feminist Theologies. National UM Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Co-coordinator, Urbana, IL.

D-1553. Training in Business Administration. Neal Barker, Lindsay UMC, Lindsay, CA.

D-1554. Request Seminaries to Give Guidance in Opposing Prayers for the Dead. Bennet Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

D-1555. Renew Commitment to Distinctively Methodist Doctrines. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Conference.

D-1556. Training in Fundamentals of Faith. Nameoki UMC, Mrs. Dorothy Ashford, Pres., Granite City, IL.

D-1557. Request Seminaries to Counteract Harmful Doctrines. Bennet Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

D-1558. Upgrade Standards for Selection of Seminary Professors. Administrative Board, St. Luke's UMC, Margaret McAllister, Philadelphia, PA.

D-1559. Theological Instruction in Harmony with Doctrinal Statements. Administrative Board, Melbourne UMC, Doris Moore, Chairperson, Melbourn, KY.

D-1560. Eliminate Atheistic and Agnostic Tendencies. Michael T. Evans and 31 others, Waynesboro, MS.

D-1561. Concern for Teaching in Seminaries. Horace T. Connett, Sparta UMC, Faucett, MT.

D-1562. More Evangelical Emphasis in Schools of Theology. Fifteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-1563. More Evangelical Emphasis in Schools of Theology. John C. Morgan, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.

Petitions Nos. D-1564 to D-1566 inclusive are titled "Evangelical Representative on Seminary Faculty."

D-1564. Arthur R. Kirk, East Ohio Conference.

D-1565. Ronald A. Houk, West Michigan Conference.

D-1566. Administrative Board, First UMC, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

D-1567. Amendments to Legislation of Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, F. Thomas Trotter, General Secy., Nashville, TN.

D-1568. Changes in Previously Submitted Legislation. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., Pres., Nashville, TN.

D-1569. The Mission of the United Methodist Church Institutions of Higher Education. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., Pres., Nashville, TN.

D-1570. Responsibilities of Division of Higher Education. Harold V. Meredith, Greensburg UMC, North Canton, OH.

D-1571. Education During Times of Economic Stress. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

D-1572. HANA Proposal. Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

D-1573. Annual Conference Director of Higher Education and Ministry. Georgia Commission on Higher Education, Atlanta, GA.

D-1574. District Director of Higher Education. Georgia Commission on Higher Education, Atlanta, GA.

D-1575. Churchwide Support for Campus Ministries. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Ernest Dixon, Jr., Pres., Nashville, TN.

D-1576. Responsibility of Section on Campus Ministry. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

D-1577. Young Adult Participation in Campus Ministry. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

D-1578. Sub-Committee on Christian Higher Education and Campus Ministry. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

D-1579. National and Regional Organization of UM Student Movement. Oklahoma Annual Conference, Luman T. Cockerill, Secy., Oklahoma City, OK.

D-1580. Observance of Student Day. Reverend Dale E. Pitcher, Central Illinois Annual Conference.

D-1581. Promotion of Student Day. Rev. Dale Pitcher, Central Illinois Annual Conference.

D-1582. Support for Wesley Foundation. Administrative Board, UMC, Mrs. Dorothy Mikush, Secretary, Bound Brook, NJ.

D-1583. Composition of Board of Directors of Wesley Foundation. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

D-1584. Composition of Wesley Foundation Boards of Directors. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

D-1585. Composition of Committees on Higher Education and Campus Ministry. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

D-1586. College-Age Ministry a Priority Program. Jay Charles Soper, Kansas East Annual Conference.

Petitions Nos. D-1587 through D-1590 have been entitled "Responsibilities of Section of Schools, Colleges and Universities." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1587. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

D-1588. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

D-1589. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

D-1590. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

D-1591. National Commission on United Methodist Higher Education. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., Pres., Nashville, TN.

D-1592. Restrain Use of Academic Titles and Regalia. Jay E. Howe, Greenfield UMC, Greenfield, IA.

D-1593. Military Training in United Methodist Schools. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

D-1594. Greek Letter Societies in UM Colleges. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

D-1595. Schools for General Public. Mrs. Herbert J. Linden, Opa Locka UMC, Opa Locka, FL.

D-1596. Support for Evangelical Colleges. Council on Ministries, Margaret Harlan, Chairperson, Oklahoma City, OK.

D-1597. Funding of Educational Institutions. Stanley C. Smith, Pollard Methodist Church, Tyler, TX.

D-1598. Increase Financial Support for Colleges and Universities. Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.

D-1599. Discontinue Black College Fund. Administrative Board, Bethel UMC, William E. Hutchinson, Chairman, Upper Marlboro, MD.

D-1600. Change Name of "Black College Fund." Covis Union UMC Council on Ministries, Shirley C. Wells, Secy., Battle Creek, MI.

D-1601. Continued Financial Support of Former E.U.B. Colleges. Task Force on Education, Harrisburg and Philadelphia Episcopal Areas, Frederick Sample, Secy., Annville, PA.

D-1602. United Methodist College Fund. Administrative Board, Lexington Park UMC, Joseph Comer, Chairperson, Lexington Park, MD.

D-1603. United Methodist College Fund. Gilbert Hoffman, Western Pennsylvania Conference.

D-1604. Churchwide Support for Institutions for Higher Education. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Ernest Dixon, Jr., Pres., Nashville, TN.

D-1605. Churchwide Support for Institutions of Higher Education. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Ernest Dixon, Jr., Pres., Nashville, TN.

D-1606. Common Asking for All Colleges. Administrative Board, Larry Shumake, Chairman, College Park, GA.

D-1607. Replacement of the Military Chaplaincy. MFSA, New York Annual Conference, George McClain, Exec. Secy., Staten Island, NY.

D-1608. Substitute for Military Chaplaincy. Walter A. McCleneghan, Southern California-Arizona Conference.

D-1609. Study Commission Determine Role of Military Chaplains. Administrative Board, University UMC, Lowell Rothert, Chairperson, East Lansing, MI.

D-1610. Discontinuance of Lay Workers Relationship to Annual Conference. Committee on the Lay Worker, Virginia Annual Conference, D. Glen Langston, Chairman.

D-1611. Membership of Lay Worker in Annual Conference. Committee of the Lay Worker, Virginia Annual Conference, D. Glen Langston, Chairman.

D-1612. Conference Membership of Consecrated Lay Workers. Committee on the Lay Worker, Virginia Annual Conference, D. Glen Langston, Chairman.

D-1613. Lay Workers to be Seated as Lay Members of Annual Conference. Minnesota Annual Conference, William B. McPherson, Conference Lay Leader, Minneapolis, MN.

D-1614. Lay Worker Participation in the Annual Conference Sessions. Board of Ministry of the California-Nevada Annual Conference, John V. Albright, Sr., Registrar.

D-1615. Retirement Provisions for Lay Worker. Committee on the Lay Worker, Virginia Annual Conference, D. Glen Langston, Chairman.

D-1616. Revision of Legislative Proposal on Lay Worker. Committee on the Lay Worker, Virginia Annual Conference, Glen Langston, Chairman.

D-1617. Salary and Benefits of Lay Worker. Committee on the Lay Worker, Virginia Annual Conference, D. Glen Langston, Chairman.

D-1618. Standards for Office of Lay Worker. Committee on the Lay Worker, Virginia Annual Conference, D. Glen Langston, Chairman.

D-1619. Voting Rights of Consecrated Lay Workers. East Ohio Annual Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

D-1620. Restriction on Engaging a Teacher or Missionary Speaker. Harold E. Kieler, Kansas West Conference.

D-1621. The Missional Priority of the Ethnic Minority Local Church. Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

D-1622. Lay Member of Annual Conference to Vote on Ministerial Relations. Carl L. Pecock, Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

D-1623. Lay Observers to the Board of Ministry. The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference, William Walker, Chairman, Corvallis, OR.

D-1624. New Conference Leadership Structure. Bruce Inglis, Westlawn UMC, Detroit, MI.

D-1625. Form for Recognition as a Ministerial Student. Minnesota Annual Conference, Milton Lentz, Conf. Secy.

D-1626. Prohibition from Voting on Conference Budget. Lawrence E. Dunn, Central New York Conference.

D-1627. Division of Orders of Deacon and Elder. Central Illinois Committee on Ministry, Carlinville, IL.

D-1628. Duties of Conference Board of Ministry. Richard O. Johnson, California-Nevada Annual Conference.

D-1629. Purposes of Division of Ordained Ministry. Arturo Mariscal, Rio Grande Conference.

D-1630. Financial Support of the United Methodist Church in the Vocational and Educational Readjustment of Openly Self-Declared Gay United Methodist Ministers. Para. 368 (circa). Richard Huskey, Minnesota Conference.

D-1631. Continue Policy of Flexibility. New York Annual Conf., Rev. Clifford Field, Jr., Conf. Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

D-1632. Appointment of Pastors Without Regard to Sex. Wisconsin Conference, William Stevens, Conf. Secy.

D-1633. Non-Discrimination in Ministerial Appointments. Larry Peacock, Wheadon UMC, Evanston, IL.

D-1634. Sexual Responsibility a Basis for Ordination. First UMC, Marilyn McGill, Secy., Portland, OR.

D-1635. Sexual Responsibility a Criterion for Ordination. Nevitt B. Smith, Oregon-Idaho Conference.

D-1636. Consideration of Applicant for Ordination as an Individual. MFSA, New York Annual Conference, Rev. George McClain, Exec. Secy., Staten Island, NY.

D-1637. Continue Present Policy of Licensing and Ordaining Homosexuals. Southern Illinois Conference, Earl R. Renshaw, Secy., Mt. Vernon, IL.

D-1638. Priority of Ordination. William Shafer, New Hampshire Conference.

Petitions Nos. D-1639 through D-2206 have been entitled "Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals." They are not identical, but similar in content.

D-1639. Administrative Board, Herman Gilliland, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1640. Administrative Board, Greene County Chapel UMC, Fred Watkins, Solsberry, IN.

D-1641. Mr. and Mrs. Davis L. Dixon and two others, UMC, Fulton, KY.

D-1642. Administrative Board, Texas Street UMC, Kenneth Frank, Chairperson, Vernon, TX.

D-1643. William Dixon, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.

D-1644. Administrative Board, Asbury UMC, Ben Kossbiel, Chairman.

D-1645. Administrative Board, Sustell UMC, Ray F. Gore, Chairman, Sustell, GA.

D-1646. Mrs. D. O. Shartzer, First UMC, Akron, OH.

D-1647. Administrative Board, First UMC, R. K. Allen, Chairman, Bastrop, LA.

D-1648. Mrs. Sharon Carter, Community UMC, Elyria, OH.

D-1649. Administrative Board, Clarence E. Clemons, Chairman, Carterville, MO.

D-1650. Administrative Board, Larry M. Van Zile, Minister, Arlington, TX.

D-1651. Administrative Board, Mrs. Wm. J. DeFee, III, Secy., Alexandria, LA.

D-1652. Administrative Board, Gail Harrington, Secy., Ashtabula, OH.

D-1653. Administrative Board, Bethany UMC, Rita Redd, Rec. Secy., Jefferson, GA.

D-1654. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Norman C. Young, Pastor, Portage, PA.

D-1655. Administrative Board, Rushsylvania UMC, K. S. Jones, Chairman, Rushsylvania, OH.

D-1656. Administrative Board, First UMC, James N. McNutt, Chairman, Rosenberg, TX.

D-1657. Sugar Valley Methodist Church Circuit, David A. Robb, Pastor, Sugar Valley, GA.

D-1658. Administrative Board, Zion UMC, Robert Schwiltker, Trustee, Kelley's Island, OH.

D-1659. Elmer Coleman, Western New York Conference.

D-1660. Carol Olson, Celoron UMC, Jamestown, NY.

D-1661. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, J. L. Donnelly, Chairman, Levelland, TX.

D-1662. Myron D. Coleman, Celoron UMC, Celoron, NY.

D-1663. Mrs. Charlie J. Ott, Dayton UMC, Dayton, TX.

D-1664. Administrative Board, Scott Luttrell, Middletown, VA.

D-1665. Administrative Board, Headland Heights UMC, Keyes W. Bowman, Jr., Chairman, Atlanta, GA.

D-1666. Mrs. Bertha O'Bannon, UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1667. Mrs. Joseph C. Tolmie, Landenberg UMC, Landenberg, PA.

D-1668. Mt. Pleasant UMC, Gladys H. Hastings, Chairman, Laurel, DE.

D-1669. Administrative Board, Jeffersonville UMC, Betty A. Mengle and 13 others, Jeffersonville, NY.

D-1670. The Susanna Wesley Circle of the UMW, Lillian Burnette, Chairman, Marissa, IL.

D-1671. Donald M. Moyer, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

D-1672. Allen Merle Arnold, UMC, Ringwood, OK.

D-1673. Della M. Demory, and 21 others, Catawba UMC, Catawba, OH.

D-1674. Louse Crawford, First UMC, Taiwan, Republic of China.

D-1675. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chesnutwood, Bethel UMC, Salix, PA.

D-1676. T. J. Thomas, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1677. Raymond K. Olson, Celoron UMC, Jamestown, NY.

D-1678. Administrative Board, Joe K. Martin, Chairman, Kensington, GA.

D-1679. Rev. Lionel Sayers, and 81 others, Evans Memorial UMC, Lewis Run, PA.

D-1680. Wayne B. Price, and 87 others, Grace UMC, Warren, PA.

D-1681. Mrs. and Mrs. William Neiman, Clifton UMC, Aldan, PA.

D-1682. Administrative Board, McEachern Memorial UMC, Clinton Carlile, Chairman, Powder Springs, GA.

D-1683. Harold E. Rau, and 59 others, Pleasant View UMC, Mount Cory, OH.

D-1684. Harold Schindler, and 37 others, St. John's UMC, Columbus Grove, OH.

D-1685. Administrative Board, Carol Lehner, Rec. Secy., Sandusky, OH.

D-1686. Mrs. L. E. Thompson, UMC, Wattsburg, PA.

D-1687. Jonesboro UMC, H. A. Smith, Lay Leader, Jonesboro, TX.

D-1688. Administrative Board, Sardis UMC, Dr. Jack T. May, Chairman, Midlothian, TX.

D-1689. Administrative Board, Boyd Lowry, Chairman, Gordon, TX.

D-1690. Administrative Board, Roy B. Wineberg, Chairman, Distant, PA.

D-1691. Administrative Board, Mrs. Homer Russell, Secy., Cranfills Gap, TX.

D-1692. Administrative Board, Audrey Lee Murphy, Chairperson, Linwood, PA.

D-1693. North Indiana Conference, Richard Kistler, Secy., IN.

D-1694. Board of the Ministry, Western North Carolina Annual Conference, C. Garland Young, Board Secy., Belmont, NC.

D-1695. Mrs. Ruth M. Branstetter, Fletcher UMC, Harrod, OH.

D-1696. Methodist Men, St. Louis South District, William A. Pearl, Dist. Dir., St. Louis, MO.

D-1697. Administrative Board, First UMC, Robert L. Taylor and 26 others, Milan, TN.

D-1698. Administrative Board, First UMC, Frances Anne Blocker, Secy., Palmer, TX.

D-1699. Administrative Board, Rev. William, Chairman, Savannah, TN.

D-1700. Administrative Board, Joe Tarpley, Chairman, Rome, GA.

D-1701. Pauline Ennis, Salem UMC, Ellisville, MO.

D-1702. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, James Westbrook, Chairman, Dalton,GA.

D-1703. Administrative Board, Mount Carmel UMC, Wilson Dixon, Chairman, Millry, AL.

D-1704. Administrative Board, Wm. A. Amerson, Pastor, Canton, OH.

D-1705. Administrative Board, St. Luke's UMC, Margaret McAllister, Chairman of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Philadelphia, PA.

D-1706. Susie Williamson, and 21 others, Coallick Methodist Church, Waynesburg, PA.

D-1707. The Ark Society (Church School Class), Robert Larko, Plus 32 others, Meadville, PA.

D-1708. Sidney C. Zirkel, and 26 others, First UMC, Kerrville, TX.

D-1709. Louise Henize, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1710. Administrative Board, Jim Powell, Chairperson, Memphis, TX.

D-1711. James H. Sapp, Kirkwood UMC, Newark, DE.

D-1712. Administrative Board, St. James UMC, Robert Bailes, Chairman, St. Petersburg, FL.

D-1713. Administrative Board, Stanley Powell, Shreveport, LA.

D-1714. Administrative Board, Opal Gillenwater, Secy., Boise City, OK.

D-1715. Mary D. and John D. Springer, Clifton UMC, Ocean City, NJ.

D-1716. Mt. Pleasant UMC, Harriet C. Marine, Secretary, and 16 others, Laurel, DE.

D-1717. Mildred Bozeman, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

D-1718. Carroll J. Erwin, Dahlgren UMC, Dahlgren, IL.

D-1719. Oliver P. Bozeman, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

D-1720. Patricia Jeanne Mercer Dugan, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

D-1721. Anna May Jovaliv, Chapel Hill UMC, Union City, TN.

D-1722. Mrs. Caylore Helmbrecht, Watertown UMC, Watertown, SD.

D-1723. Arnold E. Brigode, Jr., Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1724. Fifteen Members of the Gleaners' Class, First UMC, Edna R. Morgan, Teacher, De Soto, MO.

D-1725. Administrative Board, Kingswood UMC, Rog Lee Johnson, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

D-1726. Robert and Myrtle Beck, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1727. United Methodist Women, Renfrew UMC, Mrs. A. G. Orsborn, Secy., Renfrew, PA.

D-1728. Administrative Board of Cottondale, UMC, Jimmy Williams, Chairman, Cottondale, FL.

D-1729. Administrative Board, First UMC, Maurice W. Blaine, Minister, Joplin, MO.

D-1730. Administrative Board, U. G. Montgomery, Chairman, Albuquerque, NM.

D-1731. Administrative Board, Myrna Rudnik, Secy., Johnstown, PA.

D-1732. Bernice Athey, Salem UMC, Ballwin, MO.

D-1733. E. K. Oglme, and 46 others, Somerset Circuit UMC, Somerset, PA.

D-1734. Administrative Board, Fairless Hills UMC, Richard Downing and Ala W. Taylor, Jr., Chairman and Pastor, Fairless Hills, PA.

D-1735. Administrative Board, Lowell C. Perry, Chairperson, Miami, FL.

D-1736. Sylvia Sue Russell, New Salem Methodist Church, Ballwin, MO.

D-1737. Helen E. Hensel, Clifton UMC, Clifton Heights, PA.

D-1738. Memphis Annual Conference, William G. Adams, Conf. Secy., Memphis, TN.

D-1739. Administrative Board, St. Paul's UMC, Herbert Sanford, Chairman, Port Republic, NJ.

D-1740. Sarah Francis, UMC, Gretna, VA.

D-1741. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hattus, Proctorville UMC, Proctorville, OH.

D-1742. Mrs. Charles W. Hooser, Kingley Chapel UMC, Proctorville, OH.

D-1743. Joe and Nancy Hyde, Grace UMC, Hamilton, OH.

D-1744. Mrs. Shelby Taylor, and 120 others, UMC, Pulaski, TN.

D-1745. Council on Ministries, Southern Illinois Conference, William B. Lewis, Secy., IL.

D-1746. Administrative Board, Bethal UMC, Sandra Berkebile, Secretary, Salix, PA.

D-1747. Administrative Board, Kirkwood UMC, James H. Sapp, Chairperson, Kirkwood, DE.

D-1748. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Ben F. Miller, and 13 others, Chairman, Marion, IN.

D-1749. Robert E. Goff, Sr., Pineville First UMC, Pineville, LA.

D-1750. Council on Ministries, Relief UMC, Elwands M. Luttrell, Secy., Winchester, VA.

D-1751. James H. Sapp, Kirkwood UMC, Newark, DE.

D-1752. J. Richard Hackenberry, and 51 others, Valley Chapel UMC, Juneau, PA.

D-1753. Charles Oreutt, and 16 others, Rochester Mills Church, Rochester Mills, PA.

D-1754. Mary Painter, and 23 others, Calvary Church, Rossiter, PA.

D-1755. Lois T. Alers, and 22 others, First UMC, Irwin, PA.

D-1756. Administrative Board, West Side UMC, Carlos Perry, Chairman, Mobile, AL.

D-1757. Administrative Board, Chester Edwards, Chairperson, Gore, OK.

D-1758. Administrative Board, First UMC, Charles W. Borde, Jr., Chairman, Denham Springs, LA.

D-1759. Administrative Board, Grand Valley UMC, Nelson M. Morton, Pastor, Grand Valley, PA.

D-1760. Administrative Board, Otterbein UMC, Nelson M. Morton, Pastor, Grand Valley, PA.

D-1761. Ethelyn Dasse, and 15 others, So. Dover Methodist, Wingdale, NY.

D-1762. Administrative Board, Betty L. Beach, Jeffersonville, NY.

D-1763. Therisa A. Raffa, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, FL.

D-1764. Lynn L. Mitchell, and 38 others, UMC, Baker, OR.

D-1765. Jesse Jenkins, Finley Chapel UMC, Proctorville, OH.

D-1766. Addison D. Denton, Scott Memorial, Virginia Beach, VA.

D-1767. Administrative Board, Joe Mike McCaskill, Chairman, Blountstown, FL.

D-1768. Administrative Board, Richard L. Stone, Chairman, Laurel, DE.
D-1769. Curtis Abher plus 24 others, Ogden Memorial UMC, Princeton, KY.
D-1770. Mrs. Edna Keplinger, Zion UMC, Sulphur Springs, OH.
D-1771. Marion W. Ziober, Pollard Memorial UMC, Tyler, TX.
D-1772. Debra Shipper, Colon UMC, Colon, MI.
D-1773. Merriel H. Abbott, Northwest Texas Annual Conference.
D-1774. Mrs. Gilbers Le Clair, UMC, Wauwatosa, WI.
D-1775. South Georgia Conf., C. W. Hancock, Secretary, Macon, GA.
D-1776. Harry S. Hawkins, North Georgia Conf.
D-1777. Mrs. T. R. Shell, St. Andrew's UMC, De Soto, MO.
D-1778. Administrative Board, Cornelia M. Metz, Secy., Buffalo, NY.
D-1779. Administrative Board, Robert Campbell, Chairman, Dallas, TX.
D-1780. Administrative Board, Mrs. Agnes Rosenberger, Lay Leader, Winchester, VA.
D-1781. Ella Pearl Bethel, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.
D-1782. Charlene Baumgarden, First UMC, Brownfield, TX.
D-1783. Council on Ministries, First UMC, 14th & Myers Ave., Dunbar, WV.
D-1784. Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Wilson, Canton UMC, Canton, OH.
D-1785. Ben E. Loeffler, University Park UMC, Dallas, TX.
D-1786. Alexandria District Conf., Dr. Clyde Clark, DS, Pineville, LA.
D-1787. Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson Sykes, First UMC, Havelock, NC.
D-1788. Administrative Board of Jefferson Ave. UMC, Margaret Byers, Secy., Washington, PA.
D-1789. Administrative Board, Ruth Bremer, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.
D-1790. Administrative Board, Leon S. Williams, Chairman, Blountstown, FL.
D-1791. Roberto Baumgarden, First UMC, Brownfield, TX.
D-1792. Harry H. Ellis, Finley Chapel UMC, Proctorville, OH.
D-1793. Administrative Board, Rev. David Stephens, Member, Goshen, OH.
D-1794. Mrs. Goldie Lemley, Finley Chapel UMC, Proctorville, OH.
D-1795. Roger P. Henize, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
D-1796. James Walley, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, FL.
D-1797. Mrs. James Walley, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, FL.
D-1798. Mary E. Weckerle, Thompson UMC, Thompson, PA.
D-1799. W. Summer Spencer, Thompson UMC, Thompson, PA.
D-1800. Marjorie A. Whitney, Thompson UMC, Thompson, PA.
D-1801. Helen Haviaras, UMC, Thompson, PA.
D-1802. J. A. Stevens plus 23 others, Fairfield Grace UMC, Fairfield, CN.
D-1803. Rex Williams plus 100 others, Reeves Memorial UMC, Orlando, FL.
D-1804. Administrative Board, East Randolph UMC, Doris E. Waite, Secy., East Randolph, NY.
D-1805. Annual Charge Conference, Wesley UMC, Thomas F. Cruddas, Minister, Phillipsburg, NJ.
D-1806. Administrative Board, St. Charles UMC, Merle I. Fagley, Chairman, Distant, PA.
D-1807. Lottie Olianes Halaley, Borger UMC, Borger, TX.
D-1808. Administrative Board, Steamburg UMC, Robert Hiller, Chairman, Steamburg, NY.
D-1809. Administrative Board, Robert W. Leeper, Chairman, Chalfont, PA.
D-1810. (Number not used.)
D-1811. Raymond F. Backus plus 43 others, Lake Hallie UMC, Eau Claire, WI.
D-1812. Ivan Tradut plus 12 others, Nelson UMC, Nelson, NB.
D-1813. Council on Ministries, New Athen UMC, Richard Petrovich, Chairman.
D-1814. Josephine Nohr, UMC, Greenleaf, WI.
D-1815. Marian Ferebee plus eight others, Nelson UMC, Nelson, NB.

D-1816. Administrative Board, North Ravenswood, WV.

D-1817. Asbury F. Wolfe, Jr., Alabama West Florida Annual Conference.

D-1818. Administrative Board, Charles Gilbert, Chairman, Covington, WV.

D-1819. W. L. McKee plus 16 others, Wesley-Plattin Parish UMC, Festus, MO.

D-1820. Administrative Board, Arnettsville UMC, Paul Hosey, Chairman, Morgantown, WV.

D-1821. Administrative Board, Snider Temple UMC, Robert Phillips, Chairman, Morgantown, WV.

D-1822. Administrative Board, Murrysville First UMC, Frank R. Prina, Chairman, Murrysville, PA.

D-1823. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Neal Hayes, Chairman, Hamilton, OH.

D-1824. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Buckner, Roome UMC, Proctorville, OH.

D-1825. Administrative Board, Proctorville UMC, Dee Heinz, Chairman, Proctorville, OH.

D-1826. Burl L. Rich, Southern Illinois Annual Conf.

D-1827. Administrative Board, Lake City UMC, Eugene Wesley, Chairman, Coats, KS.

D-1828. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, James Norris, Chairman, Coats, KS.

D-1829. Administrative Board, Robert Cook, Chairman, Coats, KS.

D-1830. Administrative Board, Lebanon Otterbein UMC, Charles B. Merrill, Chairman, Lebanon, IN.

D-1831. William C. Beougher plus 14 others, Junction City UMC, Junction City, OH.

D-1832. Administrative Board, Mable Dene Hall, Chairman, Foley, AL.

D-1833. Administrative Board, First UMC, William E. Dozier, Jr., Chairman, Kerrville, TX.

D-1834. Administrative Board, Norcross UMC, Carl A. Garner, Jr., Chairman, Norcross, GA.

D-1835. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, James R. Turner, Chairman, Poplar Bluff, MO.

D-1836. Robert N. Luft and Lillian N. Luft, Clifton Heights UMC, Secane, PA.

D-1837. Administrative Board, Vic Fosmer, Chairman, plus 17 others, Millport, PA.

D-1838. William C. Pettibon plus 24 others, First UMC, Buffalo, NY.

D-1839. Joyce Cook, Salem Church, Ballwin, MO.

D-1840. C. J. Lowe, Salem Methodist, Ballwin, MO.

D-1841. Kentucky Annual Conference, David C. Ross, Conference Secy., Danville, KY.

D-1842. Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Glenn Bruce Kohlhepp, Conference Secy., Mars, PA.

D-1843. Sanna G. Le Van, Seward Memorial UMC, Seward, AK.

D-1844. Administrative Board, Kay Say, Secretary, Seneca, PA.

D-1845. Council on Ministries, Wilmer UMC, Annie T. Snow, Chairman, Wilmer, AL.

D-1846. United Methodist Women, First UMC, Mrs. C. B. Sandifer, President, Borger, TX.

D-1847. Anna Hayes plus 19 others, Woodhaven UMC, Queens, NY.

D-1848. Mrs. Leola Grover, Hill Memorial Bradford, Burbank, CA.

D-1849. Kathleen Hastley, Evangelical UMC, Corry, PA.

D-1850. Administrative Board, Wildare UMC, Roger Gethoffer, plus 80 others, Bristellille, OH.

D-1851. Administrative Board, Putneyville UMC, Robert G. Orr, Chairman, Distant, PA.

D-1852. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fish, Hope UMC, Munroe Falls, OH.

D-1853. Tuesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study Group, Hope UMC, Akron, OH.

D-1854. William C. Snowball, East Ohio Annual Conference.

D-1855. Administrative Board, Hope UMC, Mrs. Wm. Koelker, Akron, OH.

D-1856. Administrative Board, South Harborcreek UMC, Eva Hunt, Secy., Harborcreek, PA.

D-1857. Administrative Board, Greensburg UMC, Richard K. Hoover, Pastor, Greenburg, OH.

D-1858. Administrative Board, Paul Golterman, Chairperson, Port Isabel, TX.

D-1859. Council on Ministries, Christian Endeavor UMC, Edward L. McConnell, Chairman, Newark, OH.

D-1860. James D. Magee, UMC, Vidor, TX.

D-1861. Twelve identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-1862. Administrative Board, Mrs. Ross Riviello, Secy., Old Forge, PA.

D-1863. Administrative Board, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

D-1864. Elizabeth Kline plus 4 various others, UMC, Columbus, KS.

D-1865. Council on Ministries, Gerald R. Stephens, Chairperson, La Grange, IL.

D-1866. Arin R. Miskel, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

D-1867. Kansas West Conference, Gerry Winget, Secy., Wichita, KS.

D-1868. Detroit Annual Conference, John Bray, Conference Secy.

D-1869. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Holman, UMC, Union City, TN.

D-1870. First UMC of Fairfield, Joni Molt plus 24 others, Fairfield, IL.

D-1871. Bill Burford, First UMC, Borger, TX.

D-1872. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lundberg, Celoron UMC, Jamestown, NY.

D-1873. Porter W. Barswell, World Methodist Church.

D-1874. Thelma Scroggins plus 20 others, UMC, Mulberry Grove, IL.

D-1875. Mrs. Gladys Sharp plus 53 others, Trinity UMC, Wichita Falls, TX.

D-1876. UMM, Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC, Ralph Minning, President, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1877. Filora and Arthur Johnson, UMC, Belpre, OH.

D-1878. Homer F. Pincehoir, East Greenville UMC, Lawrence, OH.

D-1879. Administrative Board, Gerald Nipp, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

D-1880. Mrs. Mildred Lindy, UMC, La Crosse, KS.

D-1881. Eugene H. McKee, Jr., South Point UMC, OH.

D-1882. Thelma Motzner, UMC, Russell, KS.

D-1883. Mr. Lawrence Tennant, Olivesburg UMC, Ashland, OH.

D-1884. Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Elliot Mubat, Chairman, Milton-Freewater, OR.

D-1885. Bill and Lois Stauffer, Allentown UMC, Allentown, PA.

D-1886. Rev. Aleck G. Poolos, North Georgia Annual Conference.

D-1887. Administrative Board, Eustis UMC, R. S. Whitworth, Chairman, Eustis, FL.

D-1888. Ralph E. Scholz, UMC, Huron, KS.

D-1889. Council on Ministries and the Administrative Board, Chester Allen and Billy Russell, Chairman and Co-Chairman, Hillsboro, TX.

D-1890. The District Board of Laity, Warren Green, District Lay Leader, Fort Worth, TX.

D-1891. Karl L. Crowe, Virginia Annual Conference.

D-1892. Mrs. Florence Behr, UMC, Silver Springs, NY.

D-1893. Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Clewis, III, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

D-1894. Administrative Board of the Round Hill UMC, Mrs. Anna Norman, Secy., Winchester, VA.

D-1895. Administrative Board, Charles D. Pence and Granville McQueen, Minister and Chairman, Appleton City, MO.

D-1896. Methodist Youth Fellowship, Tommy A. Nichols, President, Hot Springs National Park, AR.

D-1897. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Veatch, UMC, Fulton, KY.

D-1898. Homer T. Courtney, UMC, Quinter, KS.

D-1899. Ten identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-1900. Eighty-eight identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-1901. Thelma Salzman plus 76 others, Emmanuel UMC, Appleton, WI.

D-1902. Nada E. Lyon plus 38 others, UMC, Lowry City, MO.

D-1903. Geo. A. Wright, UMC, Tifton, GA.

D-1904. Maxine Dugan plus 23 others, UMC, Montrose, MO.

D-1905. S. J. Walker, UMC of Fulton, Fulton, KY.

D-1906. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heine, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

D-1907. Rev. Gary D. Hughes plus 28 others, Port William UMC, Port William, OH.

D-1908. Bill Razor, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1909. Gordon Bryson, Pollard Memorial UMC, Tyler, TX.

D-1910. Lewis W. Smith, Waterford UMC, Waterford, OH.

D-1911. Lawrence D. and Patsy A. Kennedy, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-1912. Administrative Board, Findley Lake UMC, Florence F. Boozel, Chairperson, Findley Lake, NY.

D-1913. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jack McCallie, Vice Chairman, Borger, TX.

D-1914. Bernice Spencer, UMC, Ironton, OH.

D-1915. Martha E. Van Meter, Collingswood UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

D-1916. Joseph W. Thompson, Missouri East Annual Conference.

D-1917. Luella Zuehlsdor plus 54 others, UMC, Sussex, WI.

D-1918. Martinsburg Charge Conference, Charles M. LeFew, Pastor, Hagerstown, MD.

D-1919. John Hurt plus 25 others, St. Paul UMC, Olney, IL.

D-1920. Christine McConnell, UMC, Atlantic, PA.

D-1921. Scarlet Bennett and Tony Bennett, UMC, Crutchfield, KY.

D-1922. Mrs. Jeanne Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.

D-1923. Eloise C. Hatfield, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

D-1924. David J. Gleespen, Prospect St. UMC, Marion, OH.

D-1925. Catherine J. Wise, Scott Memorial UMC, Virginia Beach, VA.

D-1926. Lorraine Henning, Christ UMC, Columbus, OH.

D-1927. Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.

D-1928. Administrative Board, Don M. Brasier, Chairman, Americus, KS.

D-1929. Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Herrmann, M. D., Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

D-1930. Mrs. Lilla Reich, Scott Memorial UMC, Virginia Beach, VA.

D-1931. Thelma P. Copley, Scott Memorial UMC, Virginia Beach, VA.

D-1932. Harry C. Renner, Virginia Annual Conference.

D-1933. Administrative Board, James Markle, Chairman, Winchester, VA.

D-1934. Gordon Gruber, Kenard UMC, Greenville, PA.

D-1935. Administrative Board, Mt. Zion UMC, Joe H. Bodine, Chairman, Mackville, KY.

D-1936. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray Pharis plus six others, Wesley UMC, Fulton, KY.

D-1937. Mrs. Hazel Howell and David L. Howell, UMC, Fulton, KY.

D-1938. UM Women, Mrs. John W. Acree, President, Ft. Mitchell, KY.
D-1939. Council on Ministries, Hickernell UMC, Springboro, PA.
D-1940. George Anderson plus 80 others, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchelville, MD.
D-1941. Marilyn E. Daniel, Pineville UMC, Tioga, LA.
D-1942. Mrs. Lester Wilson plus 29 others, Pleasant Valley UMC, Rock Run, WV.
D-1943. First UMC, Hazel Van Duker plus 21 others, Prayer and Bible Study Group, Columbus, KS.
D-1944. Administrative Board, Morning View UMC, Covington, KY.
D-1945. David S. Willis, Jr., Virginia Annual Conference.
D-1946. UM Women's Society, Mrs. T. A. Yearsley plus 14 others, Richwood, OH.
D-1947. Administrative Board, Zion-Vincent Charge, Corium O. Burrer and Estella Goodsite, Chairmen, Elyria, OH.
D-1948. D'Ami Adult Bible Class, Trinity UMC, Mildred Boyer, Secretary, Bradenton, FL.
D-1949. Ellis Holden, Jr., Central Texas Annual Conference.
D-1950. Vernon Lord plus 29 others, Gilboa UMC, Gilboa, NY.
D-1951. Mrs. E. Robertson plus 35 others, Dover Plains UMC, Dover Plains, NY.
D-1952. Administrative Board, First UMC, Virginia Allen, Secy., Cairo, GA.
D-1953. Emily O'Dell plus 49 others, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Color, MD.
D-1954. Leroy and Nadine Daniel, UMC, Kingsburg, CA.
D-1955. Peter A. De Gerland, Findley Lake UMC, NY.
D-1956. Robert H. Pinto, New Milford, New York.
D-1957. Alabama-West Florida Conference, Roy T. Sublette, Conference Secy.
D-1958. Administrative Board, June Trees, Secy., Wilmore UMC.
D-1959. Western New York Conference, Frank J. Mucci, Conference Secy., NY.
D-1960. Mable F. Miller plus 61 others, Milford UMC.
D-1961. Fay Ford, UMC, Dayton, TX.
D-1962. Catherine Skinner, UMC, Akron, OH.
D-1963. Cindi Belew, Salem UMC, Ballwin, MO.
D-1964. Administrative Board, First UMC, J. G. Burt Easton, Pastor, Old Forge, PA.
D-1965. Garnett L. Dorsey, First UMC, Norton, OH.
D-1966. Administrative Board, John Ross Thompson, Pastor, Natrona Heights, PA.
D-1967. Gerald M. Hartman plus 17 others, Dewittville UMC, Dewittville, NY.
D-1968. Mary Ann Collier, St. Mark Methodist Church, McAllen, TX.
D-1969. Albertina Blohm, Magnola UMC, Maryville, NY.
D-1970. Administrative Board, Gordon Johnson, Chairman, Mechanicsville, VA.
D-1971. Administrative Board, Mamie Jones, Chairperson, Riesel, TX.
D-1972. Administrative Board, Gilbert M. Sanford, Chairperson, Youngsville, PA.
D-1973. Council on Ministries, H. R. Lemon, Chairperson, Waco, TX.
D-1974. James L. Zimmerman plus 47 others, Emerickville UMC, Brookville, PA.
D-1975. Mrs. Laura M. Galbreth, First UMC, Burbank, CA.
D-1976. Pacemaker Class, First UMC, Mrs. Winston Hood, Teacher, Mt. Vernon, MO.

D-1977. Administrative Board, Laurel Point UMC, James Adams, Chairman, Morgantown, WV.

D-1978. Administrative Board, Lynch Chapel UMC, Stanley McElray, Chairman, Morgantown, WV.

D-1979. Mrs. Jennie Morehead, Wolcott UMC, Wolcott, IN.

D-1980. Board of Ministry, Western North Carolina.

D-1981. Administrative Board, North East UMC, Elmo Earleywine, Chairman, North East, MD.

D-1982. Meredith Slaugher plus 40 others, Swan Wood Springs UMC, Tyler, TX.

D-1983. Eldora J. Tisler, UMC, Greenleaf, WI.

D-1984. Administrative Board, Prairie Chapel UMC, Ray S. Lockard, Chairman, Warsaw, OH.

D-1985. Michael J. Tisler, UMC, Greenleaf, WI.

D-1986. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Clyde Kunselman, Chairman, Hawthorn, PA.

D-1987. Trinity UMYF, Wanda Rose, President, Prilaski, TX.

D-1988. UMW, Bellefontaine UMC, May V. Acker plus 25 others, Bellefontaine, OH.

D-1989. Mrs. Gene Hosteer plus 8 others, Nelson UMC, Nelson, NB.

D-1990. Pearl Hall plus 13 others, Nelson UMC, Nelson, NB.

D-1991. Administrative Board, Nelson UMC, Allen Kruse, Chairperson, Nelson, NB.

D-1992. Administrative Board, Shenandoah UMC, Robert P. Good, Chairman, Shenandoah, VA.

D-1993. UMW, Rogersville UMC, Alene M. Stockdale, Rogersville, PA.

D-1994. Young Adult Class, Rogersville, UMC, Ella Mitchell plus 11 others, Rogersville, PA.

D-1995. Men's Bible Class, William B. Shriver plus nine others, Rogersville, PA.

D-1996. Good Cheer Bible Class, Alene M. Stockdale plus 26 others, Rogersville, PA.

D-1997. Mary Welch, First UMC, Aransas Pass, TX.

D-1998. Peggy M. Adkins, West Covina UMC, Covina, CA.

D-1999. Council on Ministries, Marissa First UMC, Myra Behmer, Chairman, Marissa, IL.

D-2000. Opal Williamson, La Plata, MO.

D-2001. Margie Carter plus 26 others, Walter Rider UMC, Ennis, TX.

D-2002. Mrs. C. G. Dickerson, UMC, Poolville, TX.

D-2003. Wyoming Annual Conference, Edwin C. Schumacher, Conference Secy., Binghamton, NY.

D-2004. Mrs. James Curdie, UMC, Finleyville, PA.

D-2005. South Indiana Annual Conference, Paul T. Jump, Conference Secy., IN.

D-2006. Mr. John H. Weckerb, Thompson UMC, Thompson, PA.

D-2007. Administrative Board, Charles M. Colhard, Chairman, Macon, GA.

D-2008. Marjorie L. Williams, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

D-2009. Chris Boyer plus 135 others, Trinity UMC, Windsor Locks, CT.

D-2010. Administrative Board, Bonita J. Haase, Secy., Tonawanda, NY.

D-2011. District UMW, Tampa District, Florida Conference, Lucille E. Hertel, President, Brooksville, FL.

D-2012. Donna Warehime, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.

D-2013. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hoffman, UMC of Ames, Ames, IA.

D-2014. Evangelical UMC, Orren Leggit, Administrative Board Chairman, Oblong, IL.

D-2015. James R. Heavey, Southern Illinois Conference.

D-2016. Frederick L. Payne and one, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2017. Mrs. Don Eyer, Clough UMC, Batavia, OH.

D-2018. R. D. Wagner plus 50 others, Tyler Memorial UMC, Chillicothe, OH.

D-2019. Administrative Board, First UMC, Charles W. Williams, Chairperson, Homestead, FL.

D-2020. Mr. and Mrs. John Shands, Wheaton UMC, Wheaton, MD.

D-2021. Florence Blair, Phillips UMC, Phillips, TX.

D-2022. Ethel M. McHenry, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2023. Mrs. Randall T. Murrill, Andres's UMC, De Soto, MO.

D-2024. Work Area of Education, James Wyatt and Gloria G. Wyatt, Chairperson and Secretary, Homestead, FL.

D-2025. Administrative Board, Charles Fred Spiekerman, Jr., Chairman, Odem, TX.

D-2026. Fred and Ethel Payne, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2027. Susanna Wesley Circle of the UMW, Lillian Burnette, Chairman, Marissa, IL.

D-2028. Administrative Board, Lois B. Harper plus 20 others, Louisville, IL.

D-2029. Robert C. Fenn plus 11 others, UMC Hyde Park, Hyde Park, VT.

D-2030. Thelma L. Gruber, Kennard UMC, Greenville, PA.

D-2031. Lynnette C. Dasch, Arnolia, UMC, Lutherville, MD.

D-2032. Louise C. Williams, Scott Memorial UMC, Virginia Beach, VA.

D-2033. Administrative Board, Rhona Seacrest, Chairman, North Platte, NB.

D-2034. Council on Ministries, Edith Kelsey, Chairperson, Crawfordsville, IN.

D-2035. Administrative Board, Mr. John Martin, Chairman, Burnsville, NC.

D-2036. Administrative Board, Jay D. Browder, Chairman, Spring Lake, FL.

D-2037. Administrative Board, Robert C. Pelle, Vice-Chairman, Wilmington, OH.

D-2038. Administrative Board, Carl Thornsberry, Chairman, Granite City, IL.

D-2039. Sue Boughan plus 26 others, Chauncey UMC, Sumner, IL.

D-2040. Charles E. Otto, St. James UMC, Philadelphia, PA.

D-2041. Mary Nanney, Martin UMC, Martin, TN.

D-2042. A. Jean Lyons, Benson UMC, Berry, KY.

D-2043. Administrative Board, Everett Doane, Chairperson, Morrow, OH.

D-2044. Administrative Board, Monford Taylor, Chairman, Newark, OH.

D-2045. Mr. and Mrs. De Wayne Home, UMC, Greenville, PA.

D-2046. Lester E. Gruber, Kennard UMC, Greenville, PA.

D-2047. Jackie Harkrider, Pollard Memorial UMC, Tyler, TX.

D-2048. Rev. Mary L. Ervin plus 20 others, Pleasant Grove UMC, McLeansboro, IL.

D-2049. Orloff H. Hicks plus 53 others, UMC of Rochelle, Rochelle, IL.

D-2050. Two hundred twenty identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2051. Thirteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2052. Six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2053. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2054. Twenty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2055. Twelve identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2056. Twenty-six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2057. Eighteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2058. Sixty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2059. Thirty identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2060. One hundred seventy-two identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2061. Mr. and Mrs. Larry G. Browning, Christ UMC, Ironton, OH.

D-2062. Ada Pickett, plus 17 others, St. Mark UMC, McAllen, TX.

D-2063. Two hundred ninety-five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2064. Fifty identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2065. Robert F. Breon plus 60 others, UMC, Appleton City, MO.

D-2066. Rev. Wm. Sturdevant, Dewittville UMC, New York Annual Conference.

D-2067. John P. Malick, UMC, Lexington, KY.

D-2068. Administrative Board, Higgins Memorial UMC, Mr. John Martin, Chairman, Bursville, NC.

D-2069. Administrative Board, Louis E. Rowley, Pastor, Mt. Vernon, NY.

D-2070. Ruth L. Brown, UMC, Asbury, NJ.

D-2071. Madeline W. Carter, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

D-2072. Administrative Board, First UMC, A. C. Lamb, Jr., Chairman, Dublin, GA.

D-2073. Edward W. Diefenbach, Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2074. Lorinda E. McFarlane plus 22 others, UMC, Towner, CO.

D-2075. C. C. Sessions, Central Texas Annual Conference.

D-2076. Mrs. John B. Vernon, Kennard UMC, Greenville, PA.

D-2077. Harold C. Carter, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

D-2078. Administrative Board, Lee Whitacre, Lay Leader, Winchester, VA.

D-2079. Mrs. Paul R. Shockley, UMC, De Soto, TX.

D-2080. Freddie L. Beau plus 15 others, UMC, Mount Sterling, OH.

D-2081. O. M. Miller plus 27 others, Gloucester City UMC, Gloucester City, NJ.

D-2082. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

D-2083. Good Will Sunday School Class, Shandon UMC, Sarah L. Nettles, Secretary, Columbia, SC.

D-2084. Administrative Board, Sublette UMC, Edward Hall, Chairman, Sublette, KS.

D-2085. Mrs. Iola Tennant, Olivesburg UMC, Ashland, OH.

D-2086. Solon B. and Leslie M. Ducker, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, FL.

D-2087. Alma C. Mulhollen plus 2 others, Westover UMC, Westover, PA.

D-2088. Mildred Hathaway and one, Thompson UMC, Thompson, PA.

D-2089. Carol Long, Rosewood UMC, Rosewood, OH.

D-2090. William Pierce plus 34 others, Upland UMC, Upland, IN.

D-2091. Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Reuschling, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, MD.

D-2092. Administrative Board, William D. Johnston, Chairman, Spruce Pine, AL.

D-2093. John and Dorothy Breuer, Calvary UMC, Hales Corners, WI.

D-2094. UMW, James Hamilton, Pastor, Peachland, NC.

D-2095. Gene Campbell, Memorial UMC, Beaumont, TX.

D-2096. Administrative Board, Marathon UMC, Earl Pride, Chairman, Marathon, OH.

D-2097. Corrie Laird, Chapel Hill UMC, South Fulton, TN.

D-2098. Administrative Board, Emmanuel UMC, Howard C. Veldhoff, Chairperson, Blissfield, MI.

D-2099. Paul Cummings, UMC, Winter Park, FL.

D-2100. Official Board, Brock UMC, Rev. Ben Gibbs, Pastor, Weatherford, TX.

D-2101. Donald E. Weaver, UMC, Salix, PA.

D-2102. Dean W. Jacobs plus 60 others, First UMC, Mason City, IA.

D-2103. Chester B. Alexander, and Madge Alexander, Beamer UMC, Kokomo, IN.

D-2104. Council on Ministries, First UMC, James L. Jones, Chairman, Littlefield, TX.

D-2105. UMW, Mrs. Evelyn Bliss plus 9 others, Corydon, IN.

D-2106. Guy H. Detro, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

D-2107. Gertrude Lakm plus 19 others, UMC, Kingsman, KS.

D-2108. Mrs. Carroll Taylor, Memorial and First Church, Dallas, TX.

D-2109. Rev. Joseph Boutgeois and others, Marshall UMC, Marshall, AR.

D-2110. Guy A. Smith, St. Andrew's UMC, De Soto, MO.

D-2111. H. I. Schetter and Rose Schetter, Trinity UMC, El Paso, TX.

D-2112. Floyd Brakhager plus 20 others, Nora UMC, Nora, NB.

D-2113. Carolyn Gibson, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2114. Russell Bean, Sr., Steinhatchee First UMC, Steinhatchee, FL.

D-2115. Dorothea Wenzel plus 75 others, Waco Avenue UMC, Wichita, KS.

D-2116. Administrative Board, Pelzer UMC, J. C. Harris, Chairman, Pelzer, SC.

D-2117. Eighteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2118. Muriel E. Perovich, New Athens First UMC, New Athens, IL.

D-2119. UMW, Sheaklyville UMC, Mrs. Sharon L. Smith plus 16 others, Sheaklyville, PA.

D-2120. Mrs. Donna Rogers, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2121. Mrs. Laverne Koustmen, Clough UMC, Amelia, OH.

D-2122. Board of Administration, Clough UMC, Robert McElhaney, Chairman, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2123. Daniel E. Stallman Family, Faith UMC, Eureka, MO.

D-2124. James R. Roberts, Wesley UMC, Borger, TX.

D-2125. Mr. and Mrs. James O. Ball, Jr., Christ UMC, Ironton, OH.

D-2126. Helen McCloud and Mrs. Howard W. Terry, Christ UMC, Ironton, OH.

D-2127. Administrative Board, Brown's Chapel UMC, Elsie Kelly plus 16 others, Chairman, Morgantown, WV.

D-2128. Mrs. Ralph Widman and Ralph Widman, and one, First UMC, Bucyrus, OH.

D-2129. Mrs. Betty Holmberg, UMC, Sanger, CA.

D-2130. Administrative Board, First UMC, David W. Matkins, Pastor, Denver City, TX.

D-2131. Administrative Board, Lockhart UMC, James Davis, Chairman, Orlando, FL.

D-2132. Janet M. Andrews plus 37 others, Mount Olivet UMC, Wheeling, WV.

D-2133. Council on Ministries, Duane Beckley, Chairman, Atwood, KS.

D-2134. Thomas E. Ruffer, UMC, Homestead, FL.

D-2135. Kelly Jo Hastings, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.

D-2136. Joe W. Hastings, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.

D-2137. Administrative Board, St. Paul's UMC, Mary Murphy, Secy., Louis, IL.

D-2138. Rev. W. W. Story plus 13 others, Verdigris UMC, Claremore, OK.

D-2139. Lois Anderson, Christ UMC, Ironton, OH.

D-2140. Mr. & Mrs. Nick Brevoort, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2141. Wednesday Night Prayer Group, Wesley UMC, Borger, TX.

D-2142. John R. Wall plus 38 others, Millville, UMC.

D-2143. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Frost, Zion UMC, Robinson, IL.

D-2144. Miss Irene Kunker, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2145. Paul and Ivy Chesnutwood, UMC, Salix, PA.

D-2146. Norman Junkins, Mt. Vernon UMC, Mt. Vernon, IL.

D-2147. Mrs. William L. Weber, St. Andrew's UMC, De Soto, MO.

D-2148. Esther Gail, and Walter Gail, Jr., Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2149. Mrs. Marshall A. Bridwell, First UMC, Hillsboro, MO.

D-2150. Donald Teter, Franklin UMC, Morgantown, WV.

D-2151. Administrative Board, Center Moriches UMC, Alex S. Schiffelbian, Chairman, Center Moriches, NY.

D-2152. Administrative Board, Calkins UMC, Mrs. William Van Delinde, Chairman, Beach Lake, PA.

D-2153. Twenty-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2154. Clifford R. Phillipi plus 84 others, Pleasant Hill UMC, Somerset, PA.

D-2155. Louisiana Annual Conference, L. Ray Branton, Conference Secretary, LA.

D-2156. Stanley I. Browning, Christ UMC, Ironton, OH.

D-2157. Administrative Board, Eastport UMC, Wm. Paul Moreland, Jr., Chairman, Annapolis, MD.

D-2158. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Turner, Christ UMC, Ironton, OH.

D-2159. Co-Ed Sunday School Class, Grace UMC, Rev. O. A. Burkel plus 30 others, Pittsburgh, PA.

D-2160. Sugar Valley Methodist Church, David A. Robb, Pastor, Sugar Valley, GA.

D-2161. Mrs. Judy Lightner plus 70 others, UMC, Millsboro, PA.

D-2162. Administrative Board, UMC, George Franklin, Chairman, Atwood, KS.

D-2163. Linda W. Hastings, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.

D-2164. Carl E. Hansen, UMC, Parker, SD.

D-2165. Administrative Board, First UMC, Robert Erwin, Chairman, Bellefontaine, OH.

D-2166. Administrative Board, Robert Baumgardner, Chairman, Brownfield, TX.

D-2167. Lucille Mayfield, UMC, Mt. Vernon, IL.

D-2168. Administrative Board, Margaret Jean Buck, Secy., Bedford, IN.

D-2169. Council on Ministries, Jarrett Memorial UMC, Mrs. Mary Ann McClure, Chairperson, Elkview, WV.

D-2170. Administrative Board, UMC, Lowell Carlson, President, Kingsburg, CA.

D-2171. Fellowship Class-Elkton UMC, Irene Jenkins, President, Elkton, VA.

D-2172. Kolah Class plus 23 members, Marie R. Saber, President, Pittsburgh, PA.

D-2173. UMW, Pleasant Unity UMC, Mrs. W. E. Lynn, Secy., Mt. Pleasant, PA.

D-2174. Administrative Board, Christy Park UMC, Marion Hannegan, Recording Secretary, McKeesport, PA.

D-2175. Beulah Bishop plus 16 others, Shaw Avenue UMC, St. Louis, MO.
D-2176. UMW, Elizabeth Nelson, Chairman, Kingsburg, CA.
D-2177. Charles R. Britt, Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference.
D-2178. L. Cotton plus 25 others, Orange Park UMC, Orange Park, FL.
D-2179. Administrative Board, Frances Bruce, Chairman, Fort Wayne, IN.
D-2180. Administrative Board, Garden City UMC, Richard T. Hughes, Secy., Garden City, MO.
D-2181. Administrative Board, Sawyer UMC, Bradford, PA.
D-2182. Administrative Board, Derrick City UMC, Charles A. Renshaw, Pastor, Derrick City, PA.
D-2183. Administrative Board, Chester Bender, Chairman, Loveland, CO.
D-2184. Administrative Board, San Jacinto UMC, Robert Bryant, Sr., Chairman, Amarillo, TX.
D-2185. Leo W. Hamilton, California-Nevada Annual Conference.
D-2186. Administrative Board, Camdenton UMC, Keith Lee, Pastor, Camdenton, MO.
D-2187. Administrative Board of Bethany UMC, Bernard J. Shropshire, Pastor, Somers Point, NJ.
D-2188. Administrative Board, Charles Hortman plus 23 others, Cotton Valley, LA.
D-2189. Administrative Board, Ainsworth UMC, Stanley L. McCreedy, Chairman, Ainsworth, IA.
D-2190. Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Paul D. Brown, Pastor, Johnson City, TN.
D-2191. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Sherwood N. Fleming, Chairman, Warren, PA.
D-2192. Executive Board, Beaver UMW, Jayne D. Mankins, Recording Secy., Beaver, PA.
D-2193. Methodist Men, First UMC, Homestead Florida, David L. Carnes, Pres., Homestead, FL.
D-2194. UMW Circle, Dorothy Klingensmith plus 20 others, Circle Leader, Youngwood, PA.
D-2195. Officials of the Port Isabel Charge, Paul Golterman, Chairperson, Port Isabel, TX.
D-2196. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Joseph E. Talley, Chairperson, Waldorf, MD.
D-2197. Administrative Board, and Council on Ministries, Richard E. Appel and Vic Chapman, Pastor and Chairperson, Canton, OH.
D-2198. Administrative Board, Rev. James O'Dell and others, Minister, Macy, IN.
D-2199. Council on Ministries of St. Luke UMC, George C. Lurwick, Pastor, Bryn Mawr, PA.
D-2200. Administrative Board, W. T. Johnson, Chairman, Hamlin, TX.
D-2201. William W. Sprenger plus 15 others, First UMC, Irwin, PA.
D-2202. Trinity UMC, Administrative Board, Jay F. Shaffer, Pastor, Mount Pleasant, PA.
D-2203. Administrative Board, Ferris Heights UMC, Charles A. Campbell, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, Waxahachie, TX.
D-2204. Bessie E. March, Clifton UMC, Drexel Hill, PA.
D-2205. Juanita Brown plus 14 others, UMC of Dawson, Dawson, TX.
D-2206. Mrs. Arthur Millage, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.
D-2207. M. E. Compton, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.
D-2208. Administrative Board, Fort Valley, UMC, Mrs. W. T. Jones, Secy., Fort Valley, GA.

D-2209. Administrative Board, Weis Library UMC, Richard E. Proctor, Chairman, Fairview, PA.

D-2210. Administrative Board, First UMC, Belinda B. DeLoach, Secy., Waynesboro, GA.

D-2211. Marcella Patton and Willie F. Patton, UMC, Dodge City, KS.

D-2212. Administrative Board of UMC, Jimmy Williams, Chairman, Cottondale, FL.

D-2213. Mr. and Mrs. Ceily plus 9 others, Crossman UMC, Falls Church, VA.

D-2214. Laura Frances Murphy, First UMC, Odessa, TX.

D-2215. Jonathan Law, Minnesota Annual Conference.

D-2216. Earl C. Day plus 16 others, Crossman UMC, Falls Church, VA.

D-2217. Nellie I. Bevard, Cox UMC, Newark, OH.

D-2218. Bertha Flack, UMC, Collingswood, NJ.

D-2219. Mrs. Gwenda R. Slack, Pleasant Unity UMC, Pleasant Unity, PA.

D-2220. Edith W. Lipps, UMC of Roanoke, Roanoke, VA.

D-2221. John and Joan Siegroth, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2222. Harvery W. Koch and Betty Koch, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2223. Mrs. Carl Eyman, UMC Somerset, Somerset, OH.

D-2224. Chester A. Bevard, Cox UMC, Newark, OH.

D-2225. Dorothy W. Trifunovic, UMC, Middletown, OH.

D-2226. James H. Canipe plus 21 others, Morven UMC, Morven, NC.

D-2227. Mr. and Mrs. D. Phillips, Jr. plus 24 others, UMC of Pleasant Hill, Morven, NC.

D-2228. Palisade Church Conference, Elaine Peterson, Secy., Palisade, NB.

D-2229. John M. Hammer, Jr., Hyde Park UMC, Tampa, FL.

D-2230. Mr. John B. Bernon, Kennard UMC, Greenville, PA.

D-2231. Mrs. W. R. McGuire, Evangelical UMC, Carsten Wood River, IL.

D-2232. Mrs. Oliver E. Werner, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

D-2233. Administrative Board, Doug R. Heeffueih, Chairman, Pleasant Unity, PA.

D-2234. Administrative Board, Clarence Gilson, Chairman, Croydon, PA.

D-2235. Thelma Hysorg plus 10 others, UMC, Pitcairn, PA.

D-2236. Administrative Board, Gene Putchard, Chairman, Wood River, IL.

D-2237. Mrs. Henry Fisher, Grace UMC, Marion, IN.

D-2238. UMM, Horace DeFore, President, Macon, GA.

D-2239. Terry Russell, Salem UMC, Ballwin, MO.

D-2240. Administrative Board, James C. Paul, Chairman, Lansdale, PA.

D-2241. Palmer and Mildred Nelsen, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

D-2242. Administrative Board, Fred G. Jones, Chairperson, O'Neill, NB.

D-2243. Mrs. Judith C. Horton, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

D-2244. Mark Wright, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

D-2245. Anna Lee Wright, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

D-2246. Florida Annual Conference, Walter T. Cross, Conference Secy., New Port Richey, FL.

D-2247. Paul L. Grove plus 39 others, Bethany UMC, Felton, PA.

D-2248. Mrs. Anna Ridler, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

D-2249. William H. McGee, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.

D-2250. Bertha Peterson plus 2 others, Salem Church UMC, Ballwin, MO.

D-2251. Administrative Board, Virginia M. McOmber, Secy., Bradford, PA.

D-2252. Administrative Board, Northridge UMC, Alton Barkowsky, Chairman, Lamesa, TX.

D-2253. Victor A. McCartney, Missouri East Annual Conference.

D-2254. Coleman Bible Class, Irwin N. Reeves, President, Waynesboro, GA.

D-2255. Marion Chyle plus 8 others, Wauwatosa Ave. UMC, Wauwatosa, WI.

D-2256. Mrs. Harold Petri plus 16 others, Wauwatosa UMC, Wauwatosa, WI.

D-2257. Administrative Board, Mr. Joe Kearnes, Chairman, Florence, KY.
D-2258. Fred Duphoine plus 12 others, UMC, Sharon Springs, KS.
D-2259. Sherry Faulkner, Clough UMC, Cincinnati, OH.
D-2260. Administrative Board, South Lebanon UMC, Zack Arnold, Chairperson, South Lebanon, OH.
D-2261. United Methodist Women, Valley Chapel UMC, Dorris Sutter, Member, Punxsutawney, PA.
D-2262. E. Carmel Hubbard, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.
D-2263. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dove, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.
D-2264. Mrs. Pauline McGee, Waverly UMC, Waverly, NY.
D-2265. Rev. Theodore I. Hubbard, Wyoming Annual Conference.
D-2266. Mr. and Mrs. James Chesnutwood, Bethel UMC, Salix, PA.
D-2267. Administrative Board, Dueber UMC, Robert Graldr, Chairman, Canton, OH.
D-2268. Administrative Board, South Point UMC, Dick Davidson, Chairperson, South Point, OH.
D-2269. UMW, First UMC, Frances E. Ballard, President, Homestead, FL.
D-2270. Council on Ministries, Darrell Collier, Chairman, Lebanon, IN.
D-2271. Andrew M. Hogg, St. James UMC, Philadelphia, PA.
D-2272. J. B. Vaugh plus 37 others, Sandy Plains UMC, Morven, NC.
D-2273. Administrative Board, Marion Bricke, Chairperson, North Lawrence, OH.
D-2274. Mrs. Elsie Wisegarver, Park and Dayton Avenue UMC, Collingswood, NJ.
D-2275. Wesleyan Women Florence UMC, Sandra G. Noble, Chairperson, Florence, KY.
D-2276. Administrative Board, Charles E. Templon, Chairman, Elkton, VA.
D-2277. Kansas East Conference, Lyle B. Roe plus 39 others, Perry, KS.
D-2278. William Caysenler plus 10 others, Shiloh UMC, Morven, NC.
D-2279. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Eakiu and one, Dueber UMC, Canton, OH.
D-2280. Mrs. Virginia Newlen, Dueber UMC, Middlebranch, OH.
D-2281. Administrative Board, Nathan Hoope, Chairman, Experiment, GA.
D-2282. Reachers' Young Adult Class, Harold Paul Henderson, Member, Tifton, GA.
D-2283. Walter C. Kelly, St. Matthew UMC, Belleville, IL.
D-2284. Arthur R. Kirk, East Ohio Annual Conference.
D-2285. Rahab Circle of UMW, Linda Sherlin plus nine others, Chairwoman, Canton, OH.
D-2286. UMC of Titusville, UMC, Titusville, PA.
D-2287. Administrative Board, First UMC of Yuba City, Clarence Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.
D-2288. Mavis Mead, Magnolia UMC, Mayville, NY.
D-2289. Helen B. Goff, Pineville UMC, Pineville, LA.
D-2290. Elizabeth Wilson, Harfield UMC, Dewittville, NY.
D-2291. Waxahachie District Caucus, C. C. Sessions, Chairman, Waxahachie, TX.
D-2292. Paul Scarem plus 7 others, Findley Lake UMC, Findley Lake, NY.
D-2293. Robert and Renee E. Klinger, Cox UMC, Newark, OH.
D-2294. James A. and Doris R. Martin, Cox UMC, Granville, OH.
D-2295. Thirty-three identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
D-2296. Qualifications for Probationary Membership, James F. Kremer, Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference.
D-2297. Qualifications for Probationary Membership, East Ohio Annual Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conference Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

D-2298. Reception into Probationary Membership, National Fellowship of Associates and Lay Pastors, Ward D. Pierce, President, Lake City, MI.

D-2299. Question to Be asked of Ministerial Candidate, E. K. Ogleme, Beulah UMC, Somerset Circuit, OH.

D-2300. Oppose use of Tobacco and Alcohol, Administrative Board, First UMC, Mrs. William Legg, Secy., Old Forge, PA.

D-2301. Require Abstinence from Alcohol and Drugs, Thelma Scroggins plus 21 others, Mulberry Grove UMC, Mulberry Grove, IL.

D-2302. Repayment of Debts Incurred by Ministerial Students, Wyoming Conference Board, James A. Baker, Secy., Forty Fort, PA.

D-2303. Qualifications for Probationary Membership, Daniel Garcia, Rio Grande Conference.

Petitions Nos. D-2304 to D-2306 inclusive are titled "Lay Pastors Right to Perform Sacraments"

D-2304. Marian J. Boone, Sharon Springs, Sharon Springs, KS.

D-2305. Kyle Sievert plus 20 others, Sharon Springs, Sharon Springs, KS.

D-2306. Rita Kirkham, UMC of Sharon Springs, Wallace, KS.

D-2307. Appointment of District Superintendents. Seymour District Council on Ministries, Northwest Texas Conference, Chairperson, Quanah, TX.

D-2308. Compensation of Retired Bishop for Church-Wide Responsibility. General Council on Finance and Administration, Gerald F. Ensley, President.

D-2309. Evangelical Seminary. Administrative Board, First UMC, Clarence Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.

D-2310. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Administrative Board, Bagby Memorial UMC, Viola D. Gross, Secretary, Grayson, KY.

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D-2311. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Mrs. Beulah Martin, Trinity UMC, Shelby, Ohio.

D-2312. Committee to Evaluate Education Requirements for Minority Group Ministers. Administrative Board, El Buen Pastor UMC, Ruben M. Siller, Chrm., Houston, Texas.

D-2313. Appointment of District Superintendents and Ministers. Seymour Dist. Council on Ministries, Jim T. Pickens, Supt., Abilene, Texas.

D-2314. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Northwest Texas Annual Conference, J. Alvis Cooley, Secretary, Lamesa, Texas.

D-2315. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Mabel Longway, Wesley UMC, Fostoria, Ohio.

D-2316. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Administrative Board, Shelburn UMC, James H. Thompson, Chairman, Shelburn, Ind.

D-2317. Requirements for Probationary Membership. Administrative Board, El Buen Pastor UMC, Ruben M. Siller, Chairman, Houston, Texas.

D-2318. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Mrs. J. D. Tillack, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

D-2319. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Larry Coleman and Family, Aldersgate UMC, Lexington, Ky.

D-2320. Responsibility of Division of Ordained Ministry for Status and Welfare of Retired Ministers. Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Jere E. Wiseman, Chairman, First UMC of Osceola, Ark.

D-2321. Counseling Elders. Task Force on Parish Reformation, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson, South Georgia Conference.

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[4]See footnote, page 974.

D-2322. Recommendation of District Superintendent in Charge Realignment. Task Force on Parish Reformation, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson, South Georgia Conference.

D-2323. Recommendation of District Superintendent In Charge Realignment. Task Force on Parish Reformation, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson, South Georgia Conference.

D-2324. Nomination of Counseling Elders. Task Force on Parish Reformation, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson, South Georgia Conference.

D-2325. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Connie R. Whitney, Thompson UMC, Thompson, Pa.

D-2326. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2327. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Gladys Burgess, Arnolia UMC, Towson, Md.

D-2328. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Charles C. Burgess, Arnolia UMC, Baltimore, Md.

D-2329. Council of Bishops to Speak for United Methodist Church. Administrative Board, Ellaville UMC, Clark D. Gill, Sr., Chairman, Ellaville, Ga.

D-2330. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Elizabeth Ann McKee (Mrs. E. H.), South Point UMC, South Point, Ohio.

D-2331. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Mrs. John H. Heath, Bayshore UMC, Tampa, Fla.

D-2332. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. Eighteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

D-2333. Opposition to the Ordination of Homosexuals. Paul and Zenith Mellor, Chapel of Cross UMC, Massillon, Ohio.

D-2334. Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals. O. M. Lawrence, Dalton UMC, Dalton, Ohio.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

D-2335. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

D-2336. Report of a Study of Black Pastors and Churches in The United Methodist Church. Committee on Reference.

D-2337. Report of Continuing Commission on Black Colleges. Committee on Reference, Ernest T. Dixon, Chairperson.

D-2338. Report of Bishop and District Superintendent Study Commission, Merlyn W. Northfelt, Chairperson. Committee on Reference.

For petitions re-referred to this committee, see pages 1106-1111.

E. Global Ministries

E-1001. Legislative Proposals Concerning Board of Global Ministries. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1002. Legislative Proposals Concerning Annual Conference Boards of Global Ministries. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1003. Legislative Proposals Concerning Missions. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1004. Legislative Proposals Concerning Religion in American Life. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1005. Legislative Proposals for District Boards of Global Ministries. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1006. Legislative Proposals General Provisions. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1007. Proposals for Editorial Changes in Global Ministries Legislation. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1008. Support Emphases of World Methodist Council. Board of Discipleship, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

E-1009. Plan for Dissolving Board of Global Ministries. Bruce Inglis, Westlawn UMC, Detroit, MI.

E-1010. Executive Committee of Board of Global Ministries. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1011. Delete Compulsory Organization of World Division. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

Petitions E-1012 through E-1024 have been entitled "Retain Statement of Functions of Division of Board of Global Ministries." They are not identical, but similar in content.

E-1012. Donald N. Griffith, South Indiana Conference.

E-1013. Conference Board, Leadership Task Force, UMC, David L. Severe, Tulsa, OK.

E-1014. Kenneth H. Plummer, St. Paul UMC, Chambersburg, PA.

E-1015. Robert Fukada (address not given).

E-1016. Rev. John Mass, Troy Conference.

E-1017. William D. Bray plus 25 others, First UMC, Medford, OR.

E-1018. Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Terhune, Southern New Jersey Conference.

E-1019. Mary C. McMillan, UMC, Hiroshima, Japan.

E-1020. Robert A. Foster, Trinity UMC, Japan.

E-1021. Joy Barberi, UMC, Denville, NJ.

E-1022. Harold Pickard plus 13 others, Vermont UMC, Japan.

E-1023. Joe Stroud, Obarlin UMC, Memphis, TN.

E-1024. Iris Allum, UMC, Japan.

E-1025. Responsibility for Designating Tent-Maker Ministries. Wisconsin Conference, William Stevens, Conf. Secy.

E-1026. Leaders of UMW in the World Division. Six identical copies of this petition are on file at the office of the Petitions Secretary.

Petitions E-1027 through E-1032 are titled "Composition of Board of Global Ministries."

E-1027. SEJUMYAC. Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

E-1028. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

E-1029. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

E-1030. Doris D. Foote, FUMC, Madison, WI.

E-1031. Gordon Sorensen, Wisconsin Conference.

E-1032. Donna L. Green, Wisconsin Conference.

E-1033. Membership of Board of Global Ministries. Wonda Dietmeier, Monroe UMC, Monroe, WI.

E-1034. Removal of Quota System. Thurman Shuller, M.D., Grand Avenue UMC, McAlester, OK.

Petitions E-1035 through E-1057 have been entitled "Section on Outreach Evangelism and Church Growth."

E-1035. Administrative Board, Community UMC, Howard D. Murphy, Chairman, Kenilworth, NJ.

E-1036. Evangelical Missions Council, Dr. Kenneth R. Callis, Secy., Flint, MI.

E-1037. UMC, Howard Montgomery, Pastor, Carleton, MI.

E-1038. UMW, Carleton UMC, Mrs. Robert Baker, Pres., Carleton, MI.

E-1039. James A. Harnish, Florida Conference.

E-1040. Bethel Prayer Fellowship, Bethel UMC, Pueblo, CO.

E-1041. Administrative Board, Coldwater UMC, Milton Cartee, Chairman, Oxford, AL.

E-1042. Administrative Board of Calvary UMC, Charles W. Fuller, Chairperson, Easton, PA.

E-1043. Charles R. Britt, Alabama-West Florida Conference.

E-1044. Administrative Board, UMC, Robert H. Groll, Pres., Clarence Center, NY.

E-1045. Administrative Board, Melbourne UMC, Doris Lee Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.

E-1046. Ravenna UMC, Leonard G. Wells, Chairman of Administrative Board, Seattle, WA.

E-1047. Council on Ministries, First UMC, James L. Jones, Chairman, Littlefield, TX.

E-1048. Ten identical copies of this petition are on file at the office of the Petitions Secretary.

E-1049. Charlene Baumgardner, FUMC, Brownfield, TX.

E-1050. Robert Baumgardner, FUMC, Brownfield, TX.

E-1051. Mrs. Geneva Pringle, Trinity UMC, Alexandria, LA.

E-1052. Administrative Board, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

E-1053. Methodist Mens Club, David Bryant, President, Dothan, AL.

E-1054. Administrative Board, Curtin Memorial UMC, Charles Jordan, Chairman, Dothan, AL.

E-1055. United Methodist Women, Mrs. S. C. Bryant, Pres., Dothan, AL.

E-1056. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenk, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

E-1057. Administrative Board, Grand Rapids Southern UMC, Charles O. Stiehl, Chairman, Grand Rapids, MI.

E-1058. Support Evangelical Missionaries. Mrs. Anna Hall, UMC Florence, KY.

E-1059. Evangelical Emphasis is Subject UMC Missions. Administrative Board, UMC, Charles C. Jordan, Chairman, Dothan, AL.

Petitions E-1060 through E-1063 are titled "Mission Funds for Evangelical Missionaries."

E-1060. Eleven identical copies of this petition are on file at the office of the Petitions Secretary.

E-1061. Ella Pearl Bethel, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.

E-1062. William Dixon, Florence UMC, Independence, KY.

E-1063. Helen Dixon, Florence UMC, Independence, KY.

E-1064. Evangelical Missionary Society. Mrs. Wayne Kintz, Peace UMC, Richland, WI.

E-1065. Policies for Overseas Mission Program. Alabama-West Florida Conference, Lloyd A. Kimbrough, Conference Secy., Marianna, FL.

Petitions E-1066 through E-1088 inclusive are titled "Authority for Work Overseas."

E-1066. Administrative Board, First UMC, Albert R. Colemen, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

E-1067. Arthur R. Kirk, East Ohio Conference.

E-1068. Administrative Board, UMC, Milton Cartee, Chairman, Oxford, AL.

E-1069. Administrative Board, Doris Lee Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.

E-1070. Merriel H. Abbott, Northwest Texas Conference.

E-1071. Mrs. Geneva Pringle, Trinity UMC, Alexandria, LA.

E-1072. Administrative Board, Charles O. Stiehl, Chairman, Grand Rapids, MI.

E-1073. Men's Club, David C. Bryant, Pres., Dothan, AL.

E-1074. Administrative Board, Ravenna UMC, Leonard G. Wells, Chairman, Seattle, WA.

E-1075. Thirty-three identical copies of this petition are on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

E-1076. Council on Ministries, James L. Jones, Chairman, Littlefield, TX.

E-1077. NMAC Good News Evangelical Renewal Group, Charles Burlingame, Taos, NM.

E-1078. Administrative Board, Dick Thomae, Chairman, Jonesville, LA.

E-1079. Carlton UMC, Mrs. Alvin Van Houten, Chairperson, Carlton, MI.

E-1080. Evangelical Missions Council, Dr. Kenneth R. Callis, Secretary, Flint, MI.

E-1081. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Charles Fuller, Chairperson, Easton, PA.

E-1082. United Methodist Women, Carleton UMC, Mrs. Robert Baker, Pres., Carleton, MI.

E-1083. Laywomen of Paradise Hills UMC, Martha Zimmerman, plus 22 others, Albuquerque, NM.

E-1084. United Methodist Women, UMC, Mrs. S. C. Bryant, Pres., Dothan, AL.

E-1085. Charles R. Britt, Alabama-West Florida Conference.

E-1086. Crystal L. Wright, Calvary UMC, Dunkirk, IN.

E-1087. Mrs. Leora Shumaker, Calvary UMC, Dunkirk, IN.

E-1088. John D. Wright, Calvary UMC, Dunkirk, IN.

E-1089. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, William Lee, Chairman, Port Norris, NJ.

E-1090. Self-Supporting Missionaries, Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

E-1091. Personal Commitment of Persons Engaged in Mission Outreach. Barbara R. Price plus 18 others, Paradise Hills UMC, Corralis, NM.

E-1092. Enlarge Missionary Program. Administrative Board, Sandra S. Robert, Chairman, Butler, AL.

E-1093. Missionaries and the CIA. Methodist Federation for Social Action, George D. McClain, Executive Secy., Staten Island, NY.

E-1094. Cross of Gold for Christ Missions. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

E-1095. Report on Number of Souls Saved. Hazel Harper plus 49 others, Louisville UMC, Louisville, IL.

E-1096. Scriptural Witness of Missionaries. John C. Morgan, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.

E-1097. Reaffirm Commitment to Great Commission. Nameoki UMC, Mrs. Dorothy M. Ashford, Pres., Granite City, IL.

E-1098. Commitment to Great Commission. Administrative Board, Nameoki UMC, Carl Thornsberry, Chairman, Granite City, IL.

E-1099. Guaranteed Salary Support for Clergy of Rio Grande Conference. Rio Grande Conference Board of Missions, Simon Nieto, Pres.

E-1100. Removal of Oklahoma Indian Mission from Misson Status. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

E-1101. Affiliated Autonomous Churches Avail Themselves of Literature of General Boards. Dorothy M. Clark, Basic UMC, Earlysville, VA.

E-1102. Approval of Agreements for Autonomy. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1103. Availability of Resources to Autonomous Overseas Churches. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Harold H. Zirkel, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

E-1104. Granting of Autonomy Between General Conferences. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James K. Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

E-1105. Invitation to Other Autonomous Methodist Churches to Discuss Concordats. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1106. Concordat. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1107. Continue Missionary Conference Pattern. Kentucky Conference, David C. Ross, Secy., Danville, KY.

E-1108. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres.

E-1109. Composition of Mission Structures. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

E-1110. Concordat with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James K. Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

E-1111. Concordat with the Methodist Church of Mexico. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James K. Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

E-1112. Concordat with the Methodist Church of Mexico. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1113. Southern Africa. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1114. Division of Zaire Area. Executive Committee of the Africa Central Conference, Thomas L. Curtis, Conf. Secy.

E-1115. Alleviating World Hunger. Council on Ministries, Marian Hohn, Chairperson, Urbana, IL.

E-1116. Concern for World Hunger and Commendation of UMCOR. Administrative Board, Gadsden Street UMC, C. W. Creel, Chairman, Pensacola, FL.

E-1117. Delete Compulsory Organization of UMCOR. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1118. Function of UMCOR. Administrative Board, Daniel D. Pferdeort, Chairman, Aldersgate UMC, Baltimore, MD.

E-1119. Mission Priority on Development of Food Supplies. Awilda Jo Haga, Pismo Beach UMC, Pismo Beach, CA.

E-1120. Response to Physical and Spiritual Hunger. Administrative Board, Richard Polhamur, Chairperson, Port Elizabeth, NJ.

E-1121. Sources of Funding for UMCOR. General Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1122. Wholistic Program of Response to World Hunger. Paul M. Mosley plus five others, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

E-1123. Wholistic Program of Response to World Hunger. Administrative Board, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

E-1124. World Hunger. Administrative Board, First UMC, Robert Erwin, Chairman, Bellefontaine, OH.

Petitions E-1125 through E-1135 have been entitled "Review by Annual Conference of Board of Global Ministries Building Proposals." They are not identical, but similar in content.

E-1125. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

E-1126. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

E-1127. UM Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., OH.

E-1128. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

E-1129. Doris L. Gidney, Waynesville First UMC, Clyde, NC.

E-1130. Commission on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy., West Ohio Conference.

E-1131. Rural Ministries Training Program for Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

E-1132. Parish and Community Development Committee of Section on Missions, West Ohio Conference, Rev. George Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

E-1133. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

E-1134. Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Memphis Conference.

E-1135. Board of Global Ministries, Western North Carolina Conference.

E-1136. Consideration of Area or Conference Foundation. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

E-1137. Functions of Board of Global Ministries at Annual Conference Level. David L. Severe, Oklahoma Conference.

E-1138. Transfer American Indian Work from National Division to World Division. Methodist Federation for Social Action, George D. McClain, Executive Secy.

E-1139. Delete Compulsory Organization of National Division. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

Petitions E-1140 through E-1142 are titled "Composition of National Division."

E-1140. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

E-1141. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

E-1142. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

E-1143. Composition of Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

E-1144. Composition of Metropolitan Commission. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

E-1145. Composition of City Mission Structures. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

Petitions E-1146 through E-1163 have been entitled "Functions of National Division." They are not identical, but similar in content.

E-1146. Barbara Herrington, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

E-1147. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

E-1148. Judy Mathey, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

E-1149. Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Memphis Conference.

E-1150. Parish and Community Development Committee, Rev. George Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

E-1151. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

E-1152. Ted G. Colescott, Ada UMC, Ada, MN.

E-1153. UM Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Ester, Pres., OH.

E-1154. Hinton Rural Life Center, UMC, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

E-1155. Rural Ministries Training Program, UMC, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, OH.

E-1156. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy., West Ohio Conference.

E-1157. Doris L. Gidney, Waynesville UMC, Clyde, ND.

E-1158. Town and Country Committee, UMC, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

E-1159. Minnesota Conference, Delton Krueger, Alexandria, MN.

E-1160. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

E-1161. Estelle Jones, Tippah-N. Benton Group Ministry, Ripley, MS.

E-1162. North Mississippi Conference UMW Executive Committee, Mrs. E. A. Stansel, Sr., Pres., Ruleville, MS.

E-1163. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

E-1164. Higher Priority for Office of Town and Country Ministries. Jerry N. Howard, Kansas East Conference.

E-1165. Functions of National Division with Regard to Church and Community Ministry. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

E-1166. Limited Service Church. Extended Cabinet of Peninsula Conference, Jervis Cooke, Council Director, Dover, DE.

E-1167. Responsibility of National Division to Supervise Church and Community Program. Betty Purkey, First UMC, Lumberton, NC.

E-1168. Committee on Church and Community Ministry Involvement in Church Extension Projects. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

E-1169. Committee on Church and Community Ministry Involvement in Church Extension Projects. Barbara Herrington, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

E-1170. Committee on Church and Community Ministry Involvement in Church Extension Projects. Judy Matheny, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

E-1171. Committee on Church and Community Ministries. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

E-1172. Committee on Church and Community Ministry. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

E-1173. Composition of Church and Community Committee. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

E-1174. Composition of Metropolitan Commission. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

E-1175. Church and Community Committee. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

E-1176. Responsibility to Consult with Committee on Church and Community Ministry. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

E-1177. Committee on Church and Community Ministry. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

E-1178. Clarification of Provisions for Commission of Parish and Community Development. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

Petitions Nos. E-1179 through E-1189 have been entitled "Commission on Parish Development and Community Development." They are not identical, but similar in content.

E-1179. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

E-1180. Doris L. Gidney, Waynesville UMC, Clyde, NC.

E-1181. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

E-1182. Judy Matheny, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

E-1183. Barbara Herrington, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

E-1184. Ernest H. Smotherman, North Alabama Conference.

E-1185. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor and Chairman, Highland UMC, MS.

E-1186. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

E-1187. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

E-1188. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

E-1189. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

E-1190. Carry Out Responsibility Concerning Church Extension. The Pastors Meeting, UMC, George S. Wood, District Superintendent, Louisville, KY.

Petitions E-1191 through E-1198 inclusive are titled "Home Missions and Church Extension."

E-1191. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

E-1192. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy., West Ohio Conf.

E-1193. Rural Ministries Training Program, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, OH.

E-1194. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

E-1195. Ted G. Colescott, Ada and Beltrami UMC, Ada, MN.

E-1196. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Pastor and Director, Fredonia, KS.

E-1197. UM Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

E-1198. Parish and Community Development Committee of Section on Missions, West Ohio Conference, Rev. George Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

Petitions E-1199 through E-1204 have been entitled "Concern and Responsibility for Appalachia." They are not identical, but similar in content.

E-1199. Appalachian Development Committee, Donald A. Burge, Secy., Spartanburg, SC.

E-1200. Appalachian Development Committee, Donald A. Burge, Secy., Spartanburg, SC.

E-1201. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

E-1202. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

E-1203. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

E-1204. Appalachian Development Committee, Donald A. Burge, Secy., Spartanburg, SC.

E-1205. Agricultural and Nutritional Research in Mission Areas. Pacific Northwest Conference, Edward F. Altes, Jr., Secretary.

E-1206. United Methodist Children's Fund. Norman W. Klump, Detroit Conference.

E-1207. National Children's Fund. New York Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Conf. Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

E-1208. Composition of Boards of Directors of Institutions. Executive Committee of UMW of University Park, Mrs. Mary Petty, Pres., Dallas, TX.

E-1209. Women's Division. UMW, UMC, Laura E. Bond, Secy., Portland, OR.

E-1210. Responsibilities of Women's Division. Executive Committee UMW, Mrs. William M. Miller, Millersville, PA.

E-1211. Delete Compulsory Structure of Women's Division. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1212. Change in Dates of Officer Terms for Local Units of United Methodist Women. UMW, First UMC, Mrs. William L. Anders, Pres., Portland, OR.

E-1213. Change Date of UMW Fiscal Year. Mrs. Betty Moore, Tigard UMC, Tigard, OR.

E-1214. Change Date of UMW Fiscal Year. Twenty-two identical copies of this petition are on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

E-1215. International Women's Year Resolution. Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1216. International Women's Year. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

E-1217. Responsibility of National Division to Supervise Program of Church

and Council of Ministries. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Director, Fredonia, KS.

Petitions E-1218 to E-1223 inclusive are titled "To Strengthen the Work of District Board of Church Location and Building."

E-1218. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

E-1219. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conference, William E. Burley, Sec.

E-1220. UMC Group Parish and Community Development Committee, George Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

E-1221. West Ohio Conference, Gerald E. Erter, Pres.

E-1222. Ted G. Colescott, Ada and Beltrami UMC, Ada, MN.

E-1223. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

E-1224. City, District and Metropolitan Boards of Mission. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, President, Los Angeles, CA.

E-1225. Local Church Organizational Structure. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Pastor & Director, Fredonia, KS.

E-1226. Composition of Division on Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns. SEJUMYAC III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

E-1227. Composition of Division on Ecumenical Concerns. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

E-1228. Conference Division on Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division. James K. Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

E-1229. Delete Compulsory Organization of Division of Ecumenical Concerns. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1230. Eliminate the Provision for Dual Divisional Membership. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1231. Affiliated United Churches. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

E-1232. Affirmation Regarding Consultation on Church Union. West Ohio Conference, Keith Nash, Assistant Secy., Columbus, OH.

E-1233. Consider Federal Union of Churches. William H. Veale, UMC, New Haven, CN.

E-1234. Consider Federal Union of Churches. William H. Veale plus three others, UMC, New Haven, CN.

E-1235. Invitation to Other Christian Churches to a Discussion of a Cooperation and Association or Possible Merger. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1236. Statement on Christian Unity. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

E-1237. Statement on Interreligious Relationships. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

E-1238. Union of Churches with a Wesleyan Heritage. Wm H. Veale, New Haven First UMC, New Haven, CN.

E-1239. Direction to COCU Representatives. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1240. Withdraw from COCU. Council on Ministries. A. Jean Lyons, Chairperson, Berry, KY.

E-1241. Equal Support for Churches Opposing Organizational Mergers. Howard Lyons, plus ten others, Benson UMC, Berry, KY.

E-1242. Vote of Each Local Church on Future Mergers. Carl Pocock, Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

E-1243. Christ Worship in Non-Christian Religions. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

E-1244. Christians and Jews: The Special Relationship. Grover C. Bagby, Southern California-Arizona Conference.

E-1245. Investigate Nature, Function and Goals, Cultic Groups. Karl L. Squier, UMC, Santa Cruz, CA.

E-1246. Membership in Christian Holiness Association. Earl Smith, C. Pennsylvania Conference.

E-1247. Mutual Recognition of Membership. Board of Global Ministries, Paul Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1248. Responsibility to World Christendom. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

E-1249. Support Episcopal Women Ordained Priests. Commission on Status and Role of Women, California-Nevada Annual Conferences, Barbara Troxell, Chairperson.

E-1250. Support World Evangelism Organization. Administrative Board, First UMC, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

E-1251. Symbolic World President. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

E-1252. United Methodist Church Boards and Agencies Program Ecumenically Whenever Possible. Iowa Conference, William Lux, Chairman, IA.

E-1253. World Evangelism Organization. Arthur Kirk, East Ohio Conference.

E-1254. World Evangelism and Church Growth. Arthur Kirk, East Ohio Conference.

E-1255. A Resolution Concerning Selection of Delegates to Governing Board of the National Council of Churches. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

E-1256. Method of Selection of Delegates to NCC. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1257. Update Relationship with WCC. Ralph E. Scholz, UMC, Huron, KS.

E-1258. Reference of Recommendations from World Council of Churches. Board of Global Ministries, Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

Petitions E-1259 through E-1281 have been entitled "Withdraw From WCC." They are not identical, but similar in content.

E-1259. Merle Powers, Good Shepherd UMC,Mt. Clemens, MI.

E-1260. Robert Phares, UMC, Tipton, IN.

E-1261. Charles Shuman plus four others, UMC, Sullivan, IL.

E-1262. Harold Neff plus 20 others, Freeburg UMC, Freeburg, PA.

E-1263. Shirley Huntzelman plus 11 others, White Springs UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.

E-1264. Mrs. Hubert H. Nall, Jr., Haygood UMC, Atlanta, GA.

E-1265. Administrative Board, UMC, Daniel Pferdeort, Chairman, Baltimore, MD.

E-1266. Mrs. Clair Wagner plus nine others, UMC, Montesano, WA.

E-1267. Brinson Bible Class, UMC, Emary Williams, Pres.

E-1268. Marissa UMC, Marissa, IL.

E-1269. Administrative Board, Evangelical UMC, Orren Leggitt, Chairman, Oblong, IL.

E-1270. Dorothy Whaling, First UMC, Gatlinburg, TN.

E-1271. Administrative Board, R. D. Wright, Chairman, Augusta, GA.

E-1272. Tasters Class, First UMC, J. V. Cloud, Jr., Pres., Sarasota, FL.

E-1273. William N. Stermer plus nine others, First UMC, Phoenix, AZ.

E-1274. Arthur Seiberh plus 26 others, UMC, West Milton, PA.

E-1275. St. Johns UMC, J. R. Stathucher, Chairman, Watsontown, PA.

E-1276. Melvin Eaves plus one other, Haygood UMC, Atlanta, GA.

E-1277. The Administrative Board, Robert Graber, Chairman, Canton, OH.
E-1278. George Perters plus 37 others, Dice UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.
E-1279. R. D. Bulloch, Ochlocknee UMC, Ochlocknee, GA.
E-1280. Administrative Board, Daniel Pferdeort, Chairman, Baltimore, MD.
E-1281. Dorothy E. Whaling, First UMC, Gatlinburg, TN.
E-1282. Delete Provision for Membership in National Council. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Daniel Pferdeort, Chairman, Baltimore, MD.

Petitions E-1283 through E-1364 have been entitled "Withdraw from National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches." They are not identical, but similar in content.

E-1283. Wesleyan Class of the Bland St. UMC, G. Harold Hoback, Bluefield, WV.
E-1284. J. G. Bradley, Haygood UMC, Atlanta, GA.
E-1285. Mr. and Mrs. Lott Rogers, Spartanburg UMC, Spartanburg, SC.
E-1286. Mrs. Louise Wooford, Gainesville UMC, Gainesville, GA.
E-1287. Administrative Board, Mr. Olen B. Watts, Pres., Milton, PA.
E-1288. L. W. Higginbotham, Haygood UMC, Atlanta, GA.
E-1289. Harry L. Linn, UMC, Veedersburg, IN.
E-1290. Building Together Class, UMC, Darud Smith, Teacher, McComb, OH.
E-1291. John Endslen, UMC, Convoy, OH.
E-1292. Richard E. Gantz, Palm Harbor UMC, Palm Harbor, FL.
E-1293. Marjorie M. Cigrand, First UMC, Park Ridge, IL.
E-1294. Administrative Board, Ellis Woods, Vice-Chairman, UMC, Plainville, GA.
E-1295. Simpson House Society, Women's Auxiliary, UMC, Viola Little, Pres., Philadelphia, PA.
E-1296. Anne Evans, Riverside UMC, Elizabeth City, NC.
E-1297. Ruth Harp, Trinity-on-the-Hill UMC, Augusta, GA.
E-1298. P. A. Jensen, Haygood UMC, Atlanta, GA.
E-1299. J. D. Maxwell, Haygood UMC, Atlanta, GA.
E-1300. William N. Stermer plus nine others, First UMC, Phoenix, AZ.
E-1301. Frances M. Uhlig, UMC, Newaygo, MI.
E-1302. Julie Lenhart, McComb UMC, McComb, OH.
E-1303. Semper Fidelis Class, UMC, Robert Boyles, Pres., McComb, OH.
E-1304. Francis R. Brooks plus five others, UMC, Columbus, GA.
E-1305. M. L. Trexler, UMC, Concord, NC.
E-1306. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Eherhart, Haygood UMC, Atlanta, GA.
E-1307. Alvin Townley, Haygood UMC, Atlanta, GA.
E-1308. Gladys Moddox Barfield, Haygood UMC, Altanta, GA.
E-1309. Russell Bean, Steinhatchee First UMC, Steinhatchee, FL.
E-1310. Twenty identical copies of this petition are on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
E-1311. Forty identical copies of this petition are on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
E-1312. Sixty-six identical copies of this petition are on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
E-1313. Administrative Board, Farina UMC, Howard Hebrou, Chairman, Farina, IL.
E-1314. Mrs. Norma Davenport, Calvary UMC, Dunkirk, IN.
E-1315. Harold Weller plus five others, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.
E-1316. William Sterner, UMC, Phoenix, AZ.
E-1317. Administrative Board, UMC, Daniel Pferdeort, Chairman, Baltimore, MD.
E-1318. Joseph Lamar, UMC, McLean, VA.

E-1319. K. S. Covington, UMC, Spartanburg, SC.
E-1320. Robert Cigrand, First UMC, Park Ridge, IL.
E-1321. Lyle Gravink, Community UMC, Fairfield, CA.
E-1322. Coleman Bible Class, UMC, Irvin Reeves, Pres., Waynesboro, GA.
E-1323. George Lorenz, Rice Lake UMC, Wells, MN.
E-1324. Mary Baxley, First UMC, Montgomery, AL.
E-1325. Marion Baxley, First UMC, Montgomery, AL.
E-1326. Administrative Board, UMC, Lee Tallady, Chairman, Ypsilanti, MI.
E-1327. Norman Reich plus 26 others, St. Peters UMC, Beaverton, PA.
E-1328. Administrative Board, Frances Zobel, Secy., Sumner, IA.
E-1329. Ronald Carnahan plus 85 others, Zion UMC, Middleburg, PA.
E-1330. Clarence Pfeiffer, Metropolitan UMC, Southfield, MI.
E-1331. Kathryn Beaver plus 31 others, Fisherdal UMC, Elysburg, PA.
E-1332. Kenneth Swartz plus 24 others, Forest Hill UMC, Mifflinburg, PA.
E-1333. Florida Conference, Richard Gantz, Pastor, Palm Harbor, FL.
E-1334. Bland St. UMC, Harriet Speiden, Bluefield, WV.
E-1335. Bland St. UMC, Mrs. C. S. Thompson, Bluefield, WV.
E-1336. SSC, First UMC, Mrs. Alfred Gould, Pres., Statesboro, GA.
E-1337. Lawrence Lobaugh, Grace UMC, Lindenhurst, L. I., NY.
E-1338. Ruth Helwig plus 35 others, Kulp UMC, Catawissa, PA.
E-1339. Gloria Holderman, plus 20 others, Mt. Zion UMC, Catawissa, PA.
E-1340. Josephine Embry Bible Class, Alice Jenkins plus 18 others, Loveland, CO.
E-1341. Louise Shutz plus 12 others, Albright UMC, Nescopeek, PA.
E-1342. Bessie Rohrbach plus 40 others, Mt. Zion UMC, Catawissa, PA.
E-1343. G. R. Evans, Park Place UMC, Norfolk, VA.
E-1344. Mount Moriah UMW, Mrs. Robert Jones, Pres., Matthews, GA.
E-1345. Dorothy Bing plus 20 others, Memorial UMC, Lake Placid, FL.
E-1346. Francis Flurer, Stehman Memorial, Millersville, PA.
E-1347. Reverends Elva and Treasie Hardy, South Indiana Conference.
E-1348. Administrative Board, H. Jack Hadaway, Chairman, Macon, GA.
E-1349. Wallis Hurley, Florida Conference.
E-1350. Administrative Board, Edgefield UMC, Leroy Parker, Chairman, Edgefield, SC.
E-1351. UMW, Ailey UMC, Mrs. John Peterson, Ailey, GA.
E-1352. Administrative Board, Macy UMC, Rev. James O'Dell, Macy, IN.
E-1353. Administrative Board, Countryside Chapel UMC, Paul Pancake plus 13 others, Vice-Chairman, Convoy, OH.
E-1354. Doris M. Smalla plus 116 others, UMC, Sunnyside, WA.
E-1355. Administrative Board, Johnson UMC, Emery Shurley, Chairman, Warronton, GA.
E-1356. William Stermer plus nine others, First UMC, Phoenix, AZ.
E-1357. William Stermer plus nine others, First UMC, Phoenix, AZ.
E-1358. Administrative Board, Honey Brook UMC, Rev. Robert Fortier, Honey Brook, PA.
E-1359. Annie Shulock, Halls Creek UMC, Elizabeth City, NC.
E-1360. Administrative Board, UMC, Ray Miller, Chairman, Sunnyside, WA.
E-1361. Richard Noftsingre plus 120 others, Fohl Memorial UMC, Navarre, OH.
E-1362. Administrative Board, Roland Kelly, Seaford, DE.
E-1363. Stanley Smith, Pollard Memorial UMC, Tyler, TX.
E-1364. Dorothy Bing plus 29 others, UMC, Lake Placid, FL.

Petitions E-1365 through E-1395 have been entitled "Selective Giving to World Council of Churches and NCC." They are not identical, but similar in content.

E-1365. Administrative Board, UMC, Fred Jones, Chairperson, O'Neill, NE.

E-1366. Council on Ministries and Administrative Board, Dan Smith plus 25 others, Chairman, Arnold, NB.

E-1367. Administrative Board, UMC, Dorothy Perkins, Recording Secy., Sulphur, LA.

E-1368. Council on Ministries and Administrative Board, Ken Wehrman, Chairman, Arnold, NB.

E-1369. Mrs. Edward Johnson, Jr., Peace UMC, Richland Center, WI.

E-1370. William Dixon, UMC, Independence, KY.

E-1371. Administrative Board, Gladys Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.

E-1372. Jack O. McGinnis, Casa Linda UMC, Dallas, TX.

E-1373. Mrs. John Jeannine Grenfell, Jr., First UMC, Marquette, MI.

E-1374. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John Shenk, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

E-1375. Mrs. Marlene Hudnall, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.

E-1376. Arthur Kirk, East Ohio Conference.

E-1377. Forty-four identical copies of this petition are on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

E-1378. Thirty-eight identical copies of this petition are on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

E-1379. Eighteen identical copies of this petition are on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

E-1380. Lillian Nogues, Portland UMC, Portland, TX.

E-1381. New Mexico Conference, Good News Evangelical Renewal Group, Charles Burlingame, Taos, NM.

E-1382. Crystal Wright, Calvary UMC, Dunkirk, IN.

E-1383. Administrative Board, Otterbein UMC, Charles Merrill, Chairman, Lebanon, IN.

E-1384. Rev. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Conf.

E-1385. Administrative Board, Dan Mitchell, Chairman, St. Luke UMC, Columbia, TN.

E-1386. Leaton UMC, Administrative Board, Duane Prout, Chairman, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

E-1387. Leora Shumaker, Calvary UMC, Dunkirk, IN.

E-1388. John Wright, Calvary UMC, Dunkirk, IN.

E-1389. Jack McGinnis, Casa Linda UMC, Dallas, TX.

E-1390. Mrs. John Moore plus 25 others, Montclair UMC, Oakland, CA.

E-1391. Administrative Board, Hope UMC, Jack Quarles, Chairperson, Sacramento, CA.

E-1392. Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, David Willats, Chairperson, Orchard, NB.

E-1393. Robert Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

E-1394. Robert Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

E-1395. Christian Social Concerns, George Hess, Chairman, Cape May, NJ.

E-1396. Optional Giving to NCC & WCC. Administrative Board, James Liskey, Chairman, Harrisonburg, VA.

E-1397. Optional Giving to WCC & NCC. Administrative Board, Clarence Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.

E-1398. World Evangelism. Administrative Board, UMC, Clarence Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.

E-1399. Outreach Evangelism. Administrative Board, Clarence Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.

E-1400. Authority for Work Overseas. Administrative Board, UMC, Clarence Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.

E-1401. Handicapped Persons. George T. Warren plus 75 others, St. Luke's UMC, Oklahoma City, OK.

E-1402. Commission on the Understanding and Responsibilities of Handicapped Persons. Elsa Ellis plus 149 others, UMC.

E-1403. Medical Rights for Children and Youth. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie Shopshire, Secretary, Boston, MA.

E-1404. Mental Health. National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

E-1405. Health Care. National Black Methodists for Chruch Renewal, Addie Shopshire, Secy., Boston, MA.

E-1406. Health Care. Women's Division, UMC, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1407. Health Care. Women's Division, UMC, Hazel Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1408. Oppose Promotion of National Health Programs. Mr. and Mrs. Davis Dixon, UMC, Fulton, KY.

E-1409. Support Concepts of Health Insurance. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Maurice Webb, Chairman, Rochester, MN.

Petitions E-1410 through E-1413 inclusive are titled "Statement on Health Insurance." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

E-1410. Administrative Board, First UMC, Gladys Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.

E-1411. Council on Ministries, Brenda Testerman, Recording Secy., Lubbock, TX.

E-1412. Administrative Board, Haynesville UMC, Maurice Birdwell, Recording Secy., Haynesville, LA.

E-1413. Congregation Evangel UMC, Gordon and Neva Martin, Co-chairmen, Rochester, MN.

E-1414. A. C. Health and Welfare Ministries. Rev. David Severe, Oklahoma Conference.

E-1415. Function of Annual Conference Unit of Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. Kenneth Plummel, St. Paul UMC, Chambersburg, PA.

E-1416. Functions of Annual Conference Unit on Health and Welfare Ministries. Donald Griffith, South Indiana Conference.

E-1417. Conference Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. Associate Health and Welfare Ministries, UMC, David Severe, Chairman, Tulsa, OK.

E-1418. Conference Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. Health and Welfare Ministries Division, Irene George, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1419. Function of Health and Welfare Ministries. Terral Lowe, Louisiana Conference.

E-1420. Function of Health and Welfare Ministries in Conferences. Richard N. Roe, Holston Conference.

E-1421. Function of Health and Welfare Ministries in Conferences. Conference Committee on Health and Welfare Ministries, Kenneth Varran, Chairman, Holston Conference.

E-1422. Responsibility for Health and Welfare Ministries. Oklahoma Conference, Luman Cockerill, Secy., Oklahoma City, OK.

E-1423. Move All Health and Welfare Work into One Division. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1424. Union of Health and Welfare, National Divisions. Dr. Norman Klump, Detroit Conference.

E-1425. Delete Compulsory Organization of Division of Health and Welfare. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1426. Delete References to Division of Education and Cultivation. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1427. Delete Compulsory Organization of Division of Education and Cultivation. Leonard Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

E-1428. Christian Clinics for Marriage Counseling. Wednesday Evening Prayer Group, UMC, Joe Walton plus nine others, Lay Leader, Peck, KS.

E-1429. Continuation and Funding of School in Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Ministers of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Kenneth Scott plus 11 others.

E-1430. Cooperative Curriculum Planning. Administrative Board, Daniel Pferdeort, Chairman, Baltimore, MD.

E-1431. The Diaconate. General Board of Global Ministries, Paul Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

E-1432. Joint Committee on Communications. General Council on Ministries, John King, Pres.

E-1433. Remove Homosexuals from Leadership Positions. UMW, Calvary Methodist Church, Barbara Phillips, Pres., West Seneca, NY.

E-1434. Study of Christian Missions. Administrative Board, Sandra Roberts, Chairman, Butler, AL.

E-1435. Study of the Theology of Missions. Alabama-West Florida Conference, Lloyd Kimbrough, Conf. Secy., Marianna, FL.

E-1436. Universal Language. Bennett Wm. Palmer, Florida Conference.

E-1437. Quadrennial Study Committee on Native American Ministries. General Council on Ministries, Paul V. Church, Dayton, OH.

E-1438. Review of Building Proposals at Annual Conference Level Under Board of Global Ministries. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS[5]

E-1439. Linkage Commission of National Div. and Local Commission. Board of Global Ministries, Randolph Nugent, Assoc. General Secretary, New York, N.Y.

E-1440. Withdraw from N.C.C. and W.C.C., Helen and Charles Eberhart, St. Timothy Memorial UMC, Stone Mountain, GA.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

E-1441. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

E-1442. Additional Legislative Proposals. Committee on Reference.

E-1443. Resolution Regarding the Creation of a Study Committee of Native American Ministries (Addendum to GCOM Reports). Committee on Reference.

For petitions re-referred to this committee, see pages 1106-1111.

F. Local Church

F-1001. Restructure Chapter 1 on "The Local Church." Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

F-1002. Restructure Chapter 1 on "The Local Church." Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman, Memphis, TN.

F-1003. Legislative Proposals Concerning the Local Church. Board of Discipleship, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres., Nashville, TN.

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[5]See footnote, page 974.

F-1004. Legislative Proposals from Board of Church and Society. Board of Church and Society, Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, DC.

F-1005. Supervision of Each Local Church by Ordained Elder. North Alabama Conference, The Committee on Mission.

F-1006. Format of Discipline Chapter on "The Local Church." Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

F-1007. Definition and Function of the Church. Robert W. Harris, Wyoming Conference.

Petitions Nos. F-1008 through F-1012 have been entitled "Alternate Models of Local Church Organization." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1008. Town and Country Commission of North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

F-1009. Mississippi Annual Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor, Portland, OR.

F-1010. Virginia Starr, Sledge UMC, Sledge, MS.

F-1011. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

F-1012. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman, Memphis, TN.

F-1013. Flexible Organizational Structure for Local Church. John T. Lundy, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

Petitions Nos. F-1014 to F-1031 inclusive are titled "Local Church Organizational Structure." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1014. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Francis Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

F-1015. Parish Community Development Committee of Section on Missions, Rev. George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1016. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George D. Almquist, Pastor Director, Fredonia, KS.

F-1017. Ted G. Colescott, Minnesota Conference.

F-1018. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conference.

F-1019. Twin Valley Parish Staff, UMC, George D. Almquist, Pastor, Fredonia, KS.

F-1020. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

F-1021. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1022. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1023. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

F-1024. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1025. Rural Ministries Training Program of Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

F-1026. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

F-1027. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

F-1028. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy., West Ohio Conference.

F-1029. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC of Waynesville, Clyde, NC.

F-1030. Town and Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1031. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

F-1032. Local Church Organization for the Needs of People. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, DC.

F-1033. Provision for Alternate Models for Organization. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

F-1034. Simplified Organization for Small Churches. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

F-1035. Creativity in Developing Administrative Models. Council on Ministries, Robert H. Courtney plus five others, Associate Director, North Canton, OH.

Petitions Nos. F-1036 through F-1039 have been entitled "Duty of District Superintendent and Pastor in Administration of Local Church." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1036. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Francis Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

F-1037. Betty Purkey, First UMC, Lumberton, NC.

F-1038. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Local Church Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor, Portland, OR.

F-1039. Town and Country Committee, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

Petitions Nos. F-1040 to F-1043 inclusive are titled "Cooperative Ministry."

F-1040. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders of the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

F-1041. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman, Memphis, TN.

F-1042. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

F-1043. Chairman of Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor, Portland, OR.

Petitions Nos. F-1044 to F-1070 inclusive are titled "Definition of Cooperative Parish Ministry." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1044. Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1045. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

F-1046. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

F-1047. Rev. Kenneth H. Phifer, Holston Conference.

F-1048. Town and Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1049. Ted G. Colescott, Minnesota Conference.

F-1050. Dorsey H. Walker, Section Dutton UMC, Section, AL.

F-1051. Betty Purkey, First UMC, Lumberton, NC.

F-1052. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conference.

F-1053. Ernest H. Smotherman, North Alabama Conference.

F-1054. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Lawrance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1055. Barbara Herrington, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

F-1056. Estell Jones, UMC, Ripley, MS.

F-1057. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

F-1058. Council for Dynamic Rural Ministry, Donald Taft, Chairperson, Ashtabula, OH.

F-1059. Work Area on Missions of the Florida Conference, Robert H. Fox, Secretary, Brooksville, FL.

F-1060. John T. Lundy, Munsey Mem. UMC, Johnson City, TN.

F-1061. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

F-1062. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, N.C.

F-1063. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

F-1064. Judy Matheny, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

F-1065. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Dir., Haynesville, NC.

F-1066. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

F-1067. Rural Ministries Training Programs of Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

F-1068. Parish and Community Ministries, Western North Carolina Conference, Doris L. Gidney, Clyde, NC.

F-1069. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George D. Almquist, Pastor-Director, Fredonia, KS.

F-1070. West Ohio Conference, Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy.

F-1071. Church Membership. Caney Group Parish UMC, Rev. C. Edgar Manherz, Jr., Caney, KS.

F-1072. Church Membership Rolls. Southern California-Arizona Conference, James K. Sasaki, Conference Secy.

F-1073. Local Membership Requirements. John Hammond Crum, North Carolina Conference.

F-1074. Membership in Local Church and Annual Conference. John Hammond Crum, North Carolina Conference.

F-1075. Responsibility List of Children and Youth. William C. Sanford, California-Nevada Conference.

F-1076. Meaning of Membership. Association of UM Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

F-1077. Meaning of Membership. Association of UM Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

F-1078. Oppose Acceptance of Homosexuals within Church, Dunbar Lawson, UMC, Miles, VA.

Petitions Nos. F-1079 through F-1121 have been entitled "Oppose Admission of Homosexuals to Church Membership." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1079. Eighty-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

F-1080. Council on Ministries, Jarrett Mem. UMC, Mary Ann McClure, Chairperson, Elkview, WV.

F-1081. Mrs. Paul Wingard, Zion UMC, Elton, PA.

F-1082. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holman, UMC, Union City, TN.

F-1083. Laura Frances Murphy, First UMC, Odessa, TX.

F-1084. Marquis Ward plus 15 others, Central UMC, Decatur, AL.

F-1085. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairman, Barnesville, OH.

F-1086. Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, Harper UMC, Norma Shoots, Chairperson, Bellefontaine, OH.

F-1087. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Daniel Bengston, Pastor, Marion, IN.

F-1088. Twenty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

F-1089. Scarlet Bennett, UMC, Crutchfield, KY.

F-1090. Rachel Finch, UMC, Crutchfield, KY.

F-1091. Mrs. Galen Hewson, Haviland UMC, Haviland, KS.
F-1092. Mr. and Mrs. Davis L. Dixon, UMC, Fulton, KY.
F-1093. James P. Exley, Old Salem UMC, Greenville, PA.
F-1094. Kyle B. Ferguson, UMC, Greenville, PA.
F-1095. Norma Y. Brickhouse, Baylake UMC, Virginia Beach, VA.
F-1096. M. W. Ray, Steel Memorial UMC, Barboursville, WV.
F-1097. Mary Lou Troxler, Shiloh UMC, Elon, NC.
F-1098. Eleven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
F-1099. Twenty-six identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.
F-1100. Rev. Pearl Casto, West Ohio Conference.
F-1101. Lawrence C. Lobaugh, Grace UMC, Lindenhurst, NY.
F-1102. Pauline D. Menill, Lincolnia UMC, Alexandria, VA.
F-1103. Curtis F. Hawk, plus one other, Geneva UMC, Geneva, PA.
F-1104. Thelma Scroggins plus 19 others, UMC, Mulberry Grove, IL.
F-1105. Marie D. Hatfield, UMC, Franklin, NC.
F-1106. Raymond J. Reidenbach, plus seventeen others, Lititz UMC, Lititz, PA.
F-1107. Ladies Sharing Group, Carol S. Cornwell plus ten others, Members, House Springs, MO.
F-1108. Hazel M. Core, UMC, Morgantown, WV.
F-1109. Mrs. Bernice Leffler, University Park UMC, Dallas, TX.
F-1110. Gordon L. Campbell plus 20 others, UMC, Elmhurst, IL.
F-1111. Council on Ministries, James L. Jones, Chairman, Littlefield, TX.
F-1112. Carolyn E. Hicks plus 85 others, Community UMC, North Ridgeville, OH.
F-1113. Administrative Board, Raymond J. Anderson, Chairman, Clay Center, NB.
F-1114. Hazel and David Howell, UMC, Fulton, KY.
F-1115. Mrs. Marsha Viselli, Greenville UMC, Greenville, PA.
F-1116. S. J. Walker, Fulton UMC, Fulton, KY.
F-1117. Lily Angle plus 12 others, Dellrose UMC, Wichita, KS.
F-1118. Administrative Board, Norman F. Louie, Pres., Laurel, DE.
F-1119. Bert M. James plus 15 others, Kennesaw UMC, Kennesaw, GA.
F-1120. Mrs. D. E. Arnold, UMC, Odessa, TX.
F-1121. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell E. Williams, Edgelawn UMC, Parkersburg, WV.
F-1122. Inactive Member Status. William W. Spiegelhalder, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.
F-1123. Inactive Membership Status. Annual Charge Conference, First UMC, Mrs. Keith Barnhart, Attica, IN.
F-1124. Inactive Membership Roll. Paul A. Shepard, South Indiana Conference.
F-1125. Non-Active Membership. Richard L. Burgess, East Avenue UMC, York, NB.
F-1126. Membership at Large of Sabbatical Membership. Mrs. C. E. Pollock, UMC, Davenport, FL.
F-1127. Probationary Church Membership. Shawnee UMC, Rev. D. Kelly, Chairman, Shawnee, KS.
F-1128. Probationary Membership. Rev. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Conference.
F-1129. Lengthening Probationary Membership. Edmund B. Stanton, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference.
F-1130. Definition of "Participating Member." Darrell D. Hoyle, California-Nevada Conference.

F-1131. Listing the "Participating Members." Darrell D. Hoyle, California-Nevada Conference.

F-1132. Affiliate Membership. Lois M. Congdon, New York Conference.

F-1133. Associate Membership. Conrad P. Edwards, Louisiana Conference.

F-1134. Automatic Transfer of Membership. Harry W. Hallman, Southern New England Conference.

F-1135. Automatic Transfer of Membership. New Hampshire Conference. William R. Keeffe, Ministerial Member, Concord, NH.

F-1136. Conservation and Transfer of Church Membership. W. James Cowell, Memphis Conference.

F-1137. Transfer of Members from a Discontinued Church. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

F-1138. Reinstatement and Transfer of Membership. D. G. Dieffenwirth, Florida Conference.

F-1139. Restoration to Membership for Purpose of Transfer. Leroy W. Moore, Iowa Conference.

F-1140. Restoration and Transfer of Membership. Lester L. Moore, Iowa Conference.

F-1141. Restoration to Membership. Leroy W. Moore, Iowa Conference.

F-1142. Restoration of Members. Iowa Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy., IA.

F-1143. Affiliate and Associate Members. Lois M. Congdon, New York Conference.

F-1144. Provision for Removing Names from Membership Roll. Charles E. Dowdell, East Ohio Conference.

F-1145. Release from Vows of Church Membership. Harry W. Hallman, Southern New England Conference.

F-1146. Removal of Members. Annual Church, Charge Conference, Verona UMC, Ronald W. Cadmus, Minister, Verona, NJ.

F-1147. Withdrawal from Membership. Susan J. Terry, Conference Secy., Iowa Annual Conference.

F-1148. Withdrawal and Reinstatement of Membership. Lester L. Moore, Iowa Conference.

F-1149. Transfer of Membership without Requirement of Baptism. M. Thomas Swantner, Central Illinois Conference.

F-1150. Substitute "Child Member" for Preparatory Member. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

F-1151. Baptism Dedication. Council on Ministries, West Portland UMC, Dr. Richard Parker, Chairman, Portland, OR.

F-1152. Baptism, Dedication, and Preparatory Membership. Edmund B. Stanton, Oregon-Idaho Conference.

F-1153. Provision for Re-Baptism. Council on Ministries, Robert H. Courtney plus five others, Associate Director, North Canton, OH.

F-1154. Provisions Concerning a Baptism. William R. Keeffe, New Hampshire Conference.

F-1155. Preparation for Confirmation. Council on Ministries, Robert H. Courtney, plus five others, Associate Director, North Canton, OH.

F-1156. Provision for Life Members. Rev. Bob Kersten, Detroit Conference.

F-1157. Honorary Church Members. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

F-1158. Inclusive Church Fellowship. Conference on Religion and Race, Western North Carolina, Harry G. Long, Jr., Secretary, Greensboro, NC.

F-1159. Mutual Recognition of Members. Work Area on Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns, Board of Global Ministries, Western North Carolina Conference.

F-1160. Membership Regardless. Administrative Board, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

F-1161. Deepening Acquaintance of Church Members. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

F-1162. Church Merger by a 75 percent Vote. Neil Eward, UMC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

F-1163. Establishment of Proposed Local Church. John Hammond Crum, North Carolina Conference.

Petitions Nos. F-1164 through F-1180 have been entitled "Local Church Conference." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1164. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

F-1165. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

F-1166. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1167. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

F-1168. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

F-1169. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

F-1170. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

F-1171. Town and Country Committee, Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1172. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conference, William E. Burley, Secy., OH.

F-1173. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio. Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

F-1174. United Methodist Church Group, Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Dir., Hayesville, NC.

F-1175. United Methodist Church Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Conference, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

F-1176. Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1177. Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1178. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Pastor-Director, Fredonia, KS.

F-1179. Doris J. Rudy, Greenwood UMC, Evanston, IL.

F-1180. Ted G. Colescott, Ada UMC, Ada, MN.

F-1181. Composition of Charge Conference. Joe M. Alexander, North Mississippi Conference.

F-1182. Duties of Charge Conference. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

F-1183. Duties of Charge Conference. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Annual Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman, Memphis, TN.

F-1184. Functions of Charge Conference. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

F-1185. Provisions for Local Church Conference. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

F-1186. Provisions for Church Conference. Frank M. Lyon, First UMC, Lakeland, FL.

F-1187. Review of Goals by Charge Conference. Council on Ministries, Robert H. Courtney, plus five others, Associate Director, North Canton, OH.

F-1188. Responsibility of Charge Conference to Provide Parsonage. R. Dulaney Barrett, Oklahoma Annual Conference.

F-1189. Requirement for Requesting Local Church Conference. Wilbur R. Dosher, Westwood UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

Petitions Nos. F-1190 to F-1192 inclusive are titled "The Church Conference." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1190. Minnesota Conference, Delton Krueger, Alexandria, MN.

F-1191. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

F-1192. Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Memphis Conference.

Petitions Nos. F-1193 to F-1195 inclusive are titled "'Church' Instead of 'Church Local' Conference."

F-1193. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

F-1194. Committee on Town and Country Ministry, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns.

F-1195. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor.

Petitions Nos. F-1196 to F-1199 inclusive are titled "Congregation Conference." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1196. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

F-1197. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1198. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman, Memphis, TN.

F-1199. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

F-1200. Local Church Conference Changed to Congregation Conference. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

F-1201. Substitute Terminology from "Church Conference" to "Congregation Conference." James E. Benson, Mississippi Conference.

Petitions Nos. F-1202 through F-1218 have been entitled "Charge-Wide or Parish Boards." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1202. UM Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

F-1203. Doris L. Gidney, Clyde, NC.

F-1204. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

F-1205. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

F-1206. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

F-1207. Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1208. Committee on Town and Country, William E. Burley, Secretary, West Ohio Conference.

F-1209. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

F-1210. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

F-1211. Town and Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1212. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1213. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1214. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

F-1215. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

F-1216. Twin Valley Parish, George Almquist, Director, Fredonia, KS.

F-1217. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

F-1218. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

F-1219. Right of Affiliate or Associate Member to Vote in Charge Conference. Harold E. Kieler, Kansas West Conference.

F-1220. Membership of the Charge Conference. Milton Lentz, Conference Secretary, Minnesota Conference.

F-1221. Charge Conference Removal of Members. Virginia Conference, R. Kern Eutsler, plus ten others, District Superintendent, Alexandria, VA.

F-1222. Confirmation of World Service Asking. Western New York Conference, Frank J. Mucci, Secy.

F-1223. Responsibility of Pastor and Lay Members of Annual Conference. North Alabama Conference, W. C. Davis.

F-1224. Rights of Lay Pastors in Annual Conference. William C. Beougher, plus one other, West Ohio Conference.

F-1225. Responsibility of Lay Member of Annual Conference. Administrative Board, Mildred Davis, Secretary, Gibson City UMC, Gibson City, IL.

F-1226. Lay Membership in Annual Conference Assured to Tent-Maker Ministry Churches. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Conference Secy., WI.

F-1227. Youth Members of Annual Conference. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Adult Member, Nashville, TN.

F-1228. Organization of Administrative Board, Wilber M. Abbey, First UMC, Port Arthur, TX.

F-1229. Purpose of Administrative Board. Administrative Board, Jerome R. Davis, Chairman, Webster Groves, MO.

F-1230. Purpose of Administrative Board. Council on Ministries, Robert H. Courtney plus five others, Associate Director, North Canton, OH.

F-1231. Administrative Board to Assume Functions of Charge Conference. Administrative Board, Baughman Memorial UMC, George Reimer, Chairman, New Cumberland, PA.

F-1232. Responsibilities of Administrative Board. Tennessee Conference, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Ellen Rosser, Chairperson, Nashville, TN.

F-1233. Officers of Administrative Board. William W. Spiegelhalder, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

Petitions Nos. F-1234 to F-1237 inclusive are titled "Composition of Administrative Board." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1234. Iowa Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretary, IA.

F-1235. Iowa Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretary, IA.

F-1236. Iowa Conference, Susan J. Terry, Conference Secretary, IA.

F-1237. Susan F. Howze, Chairman, Sledge, MS.

Petitions Nos. F-1238 through F-1240 have been entitled "Administrative Board Membership." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1238. East Ohio Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conference Secretary, Bucyrus, OH.

F-1239. East Ohio Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conference Secretary, Bucyrus, OH.

F-1240. Minnesota Conference, Milton R. Lentz, Conference Secretary, MN.

F-1241. Qualifications for Membership on Administrative Board. A. Jeans Lyons plus ten others, Benson UMC, Berry, KY.

F-1242. Qualifications for Administrative Board Membership. J. W. Reynolds, Jr., plus 19 others, Virginia Conference.

F-1243. Eligibility of Ministers Under Special Appointment for Membership on Administrative Board. Administrative Board, First UMC, Carl L. Godman, Chairperson, Evanston, IL.

Petitions Nos. F-1244 through F-1260 have been entitled "Restoration of the Name 'Steward.'" They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1244. Parish and Community Development Committee, Rev. George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1245. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Atlanta, GA.

F-1246. C. William Sartin, Western North Carolina Conference.

F-1247. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conference.

F-1248. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

F-1249. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

F-1250. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

F-1251. Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Memphis Conference.

F-1252. Ted G. Colescott, Minnesota Conference.

F-1253. Town and Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secretary, Graysville, IN.

F-1254. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

F-1255. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

F-1256. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

F-1257. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1258. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

F-1259. Rural Ministries in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

F-1260. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy., Englewood, OH.

F-1261. Charge Administrative Board. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor, Mississippi Conference.

F-1262. Charge or Parish Administrative Board. Rev. Kenneth H. Phifer, Holston Conference.

F-1263. Amendment to Par. 145.11. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

F-1264. Opportunity for all Church Members to Vote on Major Issues. Neil Eward, UMC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

F-1265. Right of Secret Ballot. Neil Eward, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

F-1266. Prohibit Games of Chance for Raising Money. P. Edward Leonard, Jr., Virginia Conference.

F-1267. Larger Parish. Central Illinois Conference, Larry Lawler, Secy.

F-1268. Annual Election of Lay Members. Mrs. D. T. Hicks, Sledge UMC, Sledge, MS.

F-1269. Associate Member Prohibited from Holding Office. East Ohio Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conference Secretary, Bucyrus, OH.

F-1270. Change Title of Lay Leader to Lay Assistant. John N. Garrabrandt, Oregon-Idaho Conference.

F-1271. Eliminate Office of Lay Leader. Rev. Rex D. Kelly, Kansas East Conference.

F-1272. Eliminate Office of Lay Leader. Earl R. Hoggard, North Texas Conference.

F-1273. Qualifications for Lay Members. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

F-1274. Qualification for Voter in Local Church Conference. Helen Know, Lauraville UMC, Baltimore, MD.

F-1275. Right of Affiliate and Associate Members to Hold Office. Lois M. Congdon, New York Conference.

F-1276. Three year Maximum Term for Local Church Officers. Northwest Philippines Annual Conference, Benjamin R. Gutierrez, Conference Secretary, City of Dagupan, Philippines.

F-1277. Responsibility of Enlistment Committee. Pacific Northwest Conference, Edward F. Altes, Jr., Secy.

F-1278. Duties of Secretary of Enlistment. South Indiana Conference, Paul T. Jump, Conference Secy.

F-1279. Director of Higher Education and Campus Ministry in the Local Church. Georgia UM Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Dr. Dan F. Brewster, Executive Director, Atlanta, GA.

F-1280. Local Church Director of Higher Education. Georgia Commission on Higher Education, Atlanta, GA.

F-1281. Responsibility of the Secretary of Enlistment. Council on Ministries, Missouri East Conference, W. Cannon Kinnard, Director, St. Louis, MO.

Petitions F-1282 to F-1284 inclusive are titled "Secretary of Enlistment and Director of Higher Education." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1282. Georgia Commission on Higher Education, Atlanta, GA.

F-1283. Georgia Commission on Higher Education, Atlanta, GA.

F-1284. Georgia Commission on Higher Education, Atlanta, GA.

Petitions F-1285 to F-1291 inclusive are titled "Council on Ministries."

F-1285. UMC Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Conference, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

F-1286. UMC Group Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

F-1287. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, OH.

F-1288. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio, William E. Burley, Secy., OH.

F-1289. UMC Group Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1290. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

F-1291. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Pastor-Director, Fredonia, KS.

Petitions F-1292 through F-1297 have been entitled "Charge-Wide Council on Ministries." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1292. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

F-1293. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

F-1294. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1295. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman, Memphis, TN.

F-1296. John T. Lundy, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

F-1297. Mississippi Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor, Portland, OR.

Petitions F-1298 through F-1301 have been entitled "Composition of Council on Ministries." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1298. Sandra Gaylord, Bethany UMC, Madison, WI.

F-1299. Doris D. Foote, First UMC, Madison, WI.

F-1300. Jerry G. Bray, Jr., Chesapeake Avenue UMC, Chesapeake, VA.

F-1301. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

F-1302. Functions of Council on Ministries. Melvin M. Finkbeiner, D.D., Pacific Northwest Conference.

F-1303. Local Church Council on Ministries. Town and Country, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1304. Local Church Council on Ministries to be Optional. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

F-1305. Local Church and Parish Councils on Ministries. Council on Ministries, Robert H. Courtney plus 5 others, Associate Director, North Canton, OH.

F-1306. Membership Local Church Council on Ministries. New Mexico Conference, Robert W. Brooks, Conference Secy., El Paso, TX.

F-1307. Membership of Council on Ministries. Northern Illinois Conference, Charles Klosterman, Conference Secy., Downers Grove, IL.

F-1308. Secretary of Enlistment a Member of Council on Ministries. Wonda Dietmeier, Monroe UMC, Monroe, WI.

F-1309. Secretary of Enlistment a member of Council on Ministries. Donna Green, Wisconsin Conference.

F-1310. Change Terminology in Council on Ministries. Carl A. Sattelberg, Northern Illinois Conference.

F-1311. Clarification of Wording 'Council on Ministries.' Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

F-1312. Clarification of Terminology-Title of Section XV. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1313. Clarification of Terminology—Title of Section XV. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

F-1314. Clarification of Terminology in Par. 154. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders of the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

F-1315. Organizational Plan for Small Churches. Council on Ministries, Marion Peirson, Chairman, Newman, GA.

F-1316. Minimum Structure for Church Organization. Administrative Board, Shafter UMC, Raymond A. McElroy, Pastor, Shafter, CA.

F-1317. Communication Between Annual Conference and Local Church. Steering Committee, Karl E. Sager, Vice-Chairman, Appleton, WI.

F-1318. Responsibilities of Age Level Coordinators. The Southeastern Jurisdiction Association of Conference Directors of Education, the UMC, Lawrence E. Houston, Jr., Director of Education, GA.

F-1319. Young Adult Ministry. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

F-1320. Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

F-1321. Definition and Emphasis for Young Adult Ministry. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

Petitions Nos. F-1322 to F-1327 inclusive are titled "Function of Commission on Education." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1322. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Conference.

F-1323. Arthur R. Kirk, East Ohio Conference.

F-1324. Albert Myers, UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

F-1325. Administrative Board, Weidman UMC, Thomas M. Herman, Chairman, Weidman, MI.

F-1326. Administrative Board, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

F-1327. Administrative Board, Clarence Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.

Petitions Nos. F-1328 to F-1330 inclusive are titled "Responsibility of Commission on Education." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1328. Page Hope Finley UM Parish, the Joint Council on Ministries, Dwayne Davis, Chairman, Hope, ND.

F-1329. Administrative Board, Melbourne UMC, Doris Lee Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.

F-1330. James R. Hall, Jr., Florida Annual Conference.

F-1331. Retain Present Function of Commission on Education Regarding Curriculum. Executive Committee on the Board of Discipleship, David R. Freeman, Chairperson, Conneaut, OH.

F-1332. Content of Church School Curriculum. Administrative Board, North Clairemont UMC, Archer G. Paye, Chairman, San Diego, CA.

F-1333. Curriculum Materials Based on Goals of Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith. Joint Council in Ministries, Laurel-Spring Grove UMC, Leonard Gibson, Chairman, New Richmond, OH.

F-1334. Change Title of Commission on Evangelism. Lester L. Moore, Iowa Annual Conference.

F-1335. Responsibility of Commission on Missions. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

F-1336. Local Church Structures for Mission, Woodrow Seals, UMC, Houston, TX.

F-1337. Responsibilities of Commission on Missions. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

F-1338. Health and Welfare Representative on Missions. Larry L. Lawler, Central Illinois Conf., IL.

F-1339. Commission on Church and Society. Commission on Social Concerns, Administrative Board, Jean A. Truesdale, Chairperson, Whitewater, WI.

F-1340. Local Church Commission on Stewardship. Association of UM Foundations, A. A. Wright, President, Los Angeles, CA.

F-1341. Local Church Commission on Stewardship. Association of UM Foundations, A. A. Wright, President, Los Angeles, CA.

F-1342. Provision for Function of Commission on Stewardship. Association of UM Foundations, A. A. Wright, President, Los Angeles, CA.

F-1343. Elimination of All Minimum Age Restrictions. Council on Youth Ministry, West Michigan Conference, Dennis G. Buwalda, Council Coordinator, Lansing, MI.

F-1344. Eliminate Restrictions Relating to Minimum Age. Council on Youth Ministries, Iowa Annual Conference, Arthur B. Campney, Consultant.

F-1345. Provision for Organized Sunday School. South Georgia Conference, Alvis A. Waite, Jr., Secy., Waycross, GA.

F-1346. Change of Fiscal Year of UMW, UMW Executive Committee, St. Paul's UMC, Mrs. Hazel B. Wells, Spokesperson, Tiffin, OH.

F-1347. Mandatory UMW Group in Local Church. South Dakota Annual Conference, Earl Stucke, Conference Secy., Huron, SD.

F-1348. Optional Organization of UMW. Kenneth T. Metzger, Northwest Texas Conf.

F-1349. Permanent Commission on the Status and Role of Women. George Butcher, UMC, McAllen, TX.

F-1350. Oppose Creation Permanent Commission on Status and Role of Women, Reachers' Young Adult Class, Harold Henderson, Tifton, GA.

F-1351. Terminate Commission on Status and Role of Women. A. Wright, First UMC, Tifton, GA.

F-1352. Membership of Pastor in UMM. Lois M. Congdon, New York Annual Conference.

F-1353. Methodist Men. Virginia Conference, Artis J. Payne, Vice President, VA.

F-1354. Oppose Requirement Group of UMM. St. Luke UMC, Chattanooga, TN.

F-1355. Responsibility to Interpret the Discipline. Mrs. Thomas E. Stelson, St. John UMC, Atlanta, GA.

F-1356. Commission for Study of Church and Relationship to Christian Home. Administrative Board, Gethsemane UMC, R. Jackson O'Day, Chairman, Seaford, DE.

F-1357. Local Church Committee on Religion and Race. Conference Commission on Religion and Race, California-Nevada Annual Conference, Richard A. Corson, Secretary.

F-1358. Local Church Task Force to Meet Human Need. Board of Church and Society, Texas Annual Conference, Velma Jeter, Chairperson, TX.

F-1359. Commission on World Hunger and Self-Development of People. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

F-1360. Chairperson of World Hunger and Self Development of People. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

F-1361. Method of Recommending Change or Return of Pastor. Rev. A. F. McClung, Virginia Conference.

F-1362. Oppose Homosexual Leadership. Mrs. Givinda R. Slack, Pleasant Unity UMC, Pleasant Unity, PA.

Petitions Nos. F-1363 to F-1365 inclusive are titled "Provision for Ministerial Appointments in By-Laws of Ecumenical for Federated Parish." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1363. Wyoming Conference Committee on Parish Development Review, Philip N. Pitcher, Chairman, Binghamton, NY.

F-1364. District Superintendents of the Wyoming Conf., Philip N. Pitcher, Secretary, Binghamton, NY.

F-1365. Wyoming Conference General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation, James A. Wert, Secy., Endicott, NY.

Petitions Nos. F-1366 to F-1377 inclusive are titled "Local Church Committee on Nominations and Personnel." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1366. Rural Ministries Training Program, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, OH.

F-1367. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

F-1368. UM Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Erter, President, The Plains, OH.

F-1369. Ted G. Colescott, Ada and Beltrami UMC, Ada, MN.

F-1370. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

F-1371. Commission on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conf., William E. Burley, Secy., OH.

F-1372. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1373. Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Memphis Conf.

F-1374. W. P. Appleby, North Mississippi Conf.

F-1375. Town and Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, TN.

F-1376. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

F-1377. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1378. Local Church Committee on Nominations and Personnel Par. 162.1. Parish and Community Development Committee of Section on Missions, George L. Sidwell, Chairman.

F-1379. Composition and Structure of Committee on Nominations and Personnel. Franklin A. Blomquist, UMC, Taylor, TX.

F-1380. Committee on Nominations and Personnel. Centennial UMC, Administrative Board, Carl W. Fritsch, Chairperson, St. Paul, MN.

F-1381. Committee on Nominations and Personnel. John T. Lundy, Holston Conf.

F-1382. Local Church Committee on Nominations and Personnel. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conf.

Petitions Nos. F-1383 through F-1386 have been entitled "Composition of Committee on Nominations and Personnel." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1383. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

F-1384. Thomas R. Springman, Central Pennsylvania Conf.

F-1385. Mr. Jean Adamson, Epworth UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

F-1386. Administrative Board, Mrs. Katherine B. Andrews.

F-1387. Provision for Local Church Committee on Nominations and Personnel. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conf.

F-1388. Chairperson of Nomination Committee. Mearl Leffler, First UMC, Georgetown, TX.

F-1389. Election of Chairperson of Committee on Nominations. Western New York Conf., Frank J. Mucci, Secy.

F-1390. Nomination of Members in Good Standing. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Darrell A. Bacon, Chairman, New Springfield, OH.

F-1391. Leader Development Committee. Council on Ministries, Northern Illinois Conf., David E. Chaney, Dist. Supt., De Kalb, IL.

Petitions Nos. F-1392 through F-1414 have been entitled "Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations." They are similar, but not identical.

F-1392. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conf., Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

F-1393. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

F-1394. Commission on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conf., William E. Burley, Secy., OH.

F-1395. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, OH.

F-1396. Ted G. Colescott, Ada and Beltrami UMC, Ada, MN.

F-1397. UM Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

F-1398. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC of Waynesville, Clyde, NC.

F-1399. Town and Country Committee, Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1400. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

F-1401. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George D. Almquist, Pastor, Director, Fredonia, KS.

F-1402. Parish and Community Development Committee of Section on Missions, West Ohio Conf., Geroge L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1403. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conf.

F-1404. Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Memphis Conf.

F-1405. C. Douglas Mayo, Holston Conf.

F-1406. New Mexico Conf., Robert W. Brooks, Conf. Secy., El Paso, TX.

F-1407. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

F-1408. John S. Crapper, Tindley Temple UMC, Philadelphia, PA.

F-1409. East Ohio Conf., Allan H. Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

F-1410. East Ohio Conf., Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

F-1411. Western North Carolina Conf., Ellen Fisher, Pres., NC.

F-1412. Austin G. Rugger, Iowa Conf.

F-1413. Minnesota Conf., Delton Krueger, Alexandria, MN.

F-1414. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conf.

F-1415. Meeting of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. East Ohio Conf., Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

F-1416. Duties of the Committee on Pastor Parish Relations. Wisconsin Conf., William V. Stevens, Secy.

Petitions Nos. F-1417 through F-1421 have been entitled "Function of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee." They are similar, but not identical.

F-1417. Eileen E. Muich plus 60 others, Rosemount UMC, Rosemount, MN.

F-1418. East Ohio Conf., Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

F-1419. David L. Crawford, West Michigan Conf.

F-1420. John J. Shaffer, Central Illinois Conf.

F-1421. Pastor Parish Relations Board, Kay B. Fisher, Pres., Rockingham, NC.

F-1422. Pastor Parish Relations Committee in Multiple Church Charge. Pastor Parish Committee, John B. Zook, Secy., Burdett, KS.

F-1423. Pastor Parish Relations Committee in a Multiple Church Charge. Administrative Board, Rozel UMC, Charles M. Arnold, Chairman, Burdett, KS.

F-1424. Functions of Pastor Parish Relations Committee to be Carried out by Council on Ministries. Robert L. Mateer, Community UMC, Natick, MA.

F-1425. Pastor Parish Relations Committee Responsible to Administrative Board. Nine identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petititons Secretary.

F-1426. Relations of Committee on Pastor Parish Relations to the Administrative Board and/or Charge Conference. West Michigan Conf., Lawrence R. Taylor, Secy., MI.

F-1427. Responsibility of Pastor Parish Relations Committee to Administrative Board. Earl R. Hoggard, North Texas Conf.

F-1428. Restriction on Membership of Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Mildred Murphy, Crenshaw UMC, Blackstone, VA.

Petitions Nos. F-1429 through F-1431 have been entitled "Rotation of Membership of Pastor Parish Relations Committee." They are similar, but not identical.

F-1429. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

F-1430. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1431. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1432. Consideration of Candidates for Appointment. Administrative Board, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

F-1433. Youth Membership on Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Susie English, St. Luke's UMC, Oklahoma City, OK.

F-1434. Prevent Interference with Pastor in use of Parsonage. R. Dulaney Barrett, Oklahoma Conf.

Petitions Nos. F-1435 through F-1439 have been entitled "Local Church Committee on Finance." They are similar in content, but not identical.

F-1435. Association of UM Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

F-1436. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

F-1437. East Ohio Conf., Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

F-1438. W. Leonard Robinson, Jr., UMC, Charlotte, NC.

F-1439. Edward M. Ridout, Virginia Conf.

F-1440. Responsibility of Financial Secy., Edward M. Ridout, Virginia Conf.

F-1441. Acceptance and Payment of the Apportionments. J. C. Curry, Jr., Oklahoma Conf.

F-1442. Monthly Payment of Apportionments. Doris J. Rudy, Evanston UMC, Evanston, IL.

F-1443. Delinquency in Paying Ministerial Support Items. J. C. Curry, Jr., Oklahoma Conf.

F-1444. Right of Local Church to Determine Benevolence Acceptance. Central New York Conf., Stanley C. Robinson, Secy., NY.

F-1445. Commission on Health and Welfare Ministries. Northern Illinois Conf., Charles Klosterman, Secy., Downers Grove, IL.

F-1446. Legislative Proposals Concerning Health and Welfare Ministry in Local Church. Board of Global Ministries, UMC, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

F-1447. Local Church Committee on Communications. Council on Ministries, North Alabama Conf., Robert F. Storey, Tom Stevenson, Committee on Communications, AL.

F-1448. Local Church Communication Chairperson. Administrative Board, First UMC, Russell N. Gallimore, Minister, Bolivar, TN.

F-1449. Co-ordinator of Communications. Commission on Communications and Interpretation, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1450. Statement of Simplified Plan of Church Organization. Annual Church Conference, W. W. Hughes, Jr., Secy., Sledge, MS.

Petitions Nos. F-1451 through F-1460 have been entitled "New Paragraph on Parish Development." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1451. Asbury Greater Parish, Merle J. Plotner, Cadiz, OH.

F-1452. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

F-1453. Judy Matheny, Church and Community Worker, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

F-1454. Barbara Herrington, Upper Sand Mountain Parish, Rainsville, AL.

F-1455. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1456. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1457. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conf.

F-1458. Ernest H. Smotherman, North Alabama Conf.

F-1459. West Ohio Conf., Morgan P. Wilkins, Chairman, Toledo, OH.

F-1460. Work Area on Missions of the Florida AC, Robert H. Fox, Secy., Brooksville, FL.

F-1461. Par. 163 Special Days with Offering be Retained. Arturo Mariscal, Rio Grande Conf.

F-1462. Special Days Without offering World Order Sunday. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington.

F-1463. United Methodist Student Day. Dale E. Pitcher, Central Illinois Conf.

F-1464. Annual Roll Call of the Dead. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

F-1465. Awareness of the Holy Spirit. Rev. Dr. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Conf.

F-1466. Around-The-Clock Prayer. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

F-1467. Every Congregation a Servant. Woodrow Seals, UMC, Houston, TX.

F-1468. Youth Pilgrimage. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

F-1469. Addition to Glossary of Terms. Fellowship of Town And Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

Petitions Nos. F-1470 through F-1472 have been entitled "Church Membership of Local Church Trustees." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1470. East Ohio Conf., Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

F-1471. East Ohio Conf., Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

F-1472. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

F-1473. Composition of Board of Trustees. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

F-1474. Delete Minimum Age Restriction for Trustees. Wisconsin Conf., William V. Stevens, Secy., WI.

Petitions Nos. F-1475 to F-1483 inclusive are titled "Election of Trustees By Church Conference."

F-1475. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

F-1476. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy., West Ohio Conf.

F-1477. Rural Ministries Training, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, OH.

F-1478. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

F-1479. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conf.

F-1480. UMC Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., OH.

F-1481. Town and Country Committee, Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1482. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

F-1483. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Director, Fredonia, KS.

F-1484. Nomination and Election for Chairman of Board of Trustees. D. Kelly, Kansas East Conf.

F-1485. Trustees of the Local Church. Wyatt J. Weeks, Ohio West Conf.

F-1486. Clarification of Terminology in Paragraph 1420. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1487. Clarification of Terminology in Paragraph 1420, Church Conference. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1488. Clarification of Terminology in Par. 1421. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

F-1489. Delete the Term Local from Paragraph 1421, (1972.) Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1490. Delete Par. 1424.4 on Relationship of Trustees and Directors. Redding A. Thompson, Main St., UMC, Nashua, NH.

Petitions Nos. F-1491 to F-1493 inclusive are titled "Parsonage Equity." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1491. UM Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

F-1492. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1493. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conf.

Petitions Nos. F-1494 through F-1512 have been entitled "Parsonage Equity in Charge Realignment." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1494. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

F-1495. Committee on Town & Country Ministries, Memphis Conf., Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

F-1496. Mississippi Conf. Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor, Highland UMC.

F-1497. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

F-1498. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conf., Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

F-1499. Town and Country Committee, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Sec., Graysville, IN.

F-1500. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conf.

F-1501. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conf.

F-1502. Doris L. Gidney, Waynesville UMC, Clyde, NC.

F-1503. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy., West Ohio Conf.

F-1504. Parish and Community Development Committee of Section on Missions, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1505. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Francis Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

F-1506. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, OH.

F-1507. United Methodist Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, and one member, Hayesville, NC.

F-1508. United Methodist Rural Fellowship. Gerald E. Erter, Pres., West Ohio Conf.

F-1509. Ted G. Colescott, Ada UMC, Ada, MN.

F-1510. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1511. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Pastor-Director, Fredonia, KS.

F-1512. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, President.

F-1513. Recommendation of Dist. Supt. in Realignment of Charges. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

Petitions Nos. F-1514 through F-1524 have been entitled "Give Public Notice in Selling Abandoned Property." They are not identical, but similar in content.

F-1514. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

F-1515. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conf., Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

F-1516. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conf.

F-1517. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurence S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1518. Mississippi Conf. Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor, Highland UMC.

F-1519. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

F-1520. Committee on Town & Country Ministries, Memphis Conf., Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

F-1521. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, President.

F-1522. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conf.

F-1523. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Durham, N.C.

F-1524. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1525. Two-Thirds Vote in Sale or Transfer of Property. Mary Jean Smith, First UMC, Boulder, CO.

F-1526. Responsibilities of Board of Church Location and Building. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conf.

Petitions Nos. F-1527 through F-1533 are entitled "Local Church Building Program." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1527. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

F-1528. Board of Global Ministries, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1529. East Ohio Conf., Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

F-1530. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Durham, NC.

F-1531. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1532. Committee on Town & Country Ministries, Memphis Conf., Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

F-1533. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town & Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

Petitions Nos. F-1534 through F-1536 have been entitled "Steps for Preliminary Planning for Church Building." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1534. Town and Country Committee, South Indiana Conf., Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1535. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conf.

F-1536. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Francis Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

Petitions Nos. F-1537 through F-1551 have been entitled "Study Committee to Determine Need for Building Program." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1537. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conf.

F-1538. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

F-1539. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conf., William E. Burley, Secy.

F-1540. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

F-1541. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Conf., Gerald J. Erter, Pres.

F-1542. Ted G. Colescott, Ada & Beltrami UMC, Ada, MN.

F-1543. Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor, Mississippi Conf.

F-1544. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Durham, NC.

F-1545. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1546. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

F-1547. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

F-1548. Parish and Community Development Committee, West Ohio Conf., Rev. George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1549. Town and Country Committee, South Indiana Conf., Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1550. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conf.

F-1551. Petty Purkey, First UMC, Lumberton, NC.

F-1552. Purchase of Musical Instruments. S. G. Hawhee, Iowa Conf.

F-1553. Consideration of an Area or Conference Foundation. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

F-1554. Use of Area or Conference Foundation. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

F-1555. Provision for Building, Purchase or Remodelling. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

Petitions Nos. F-1556 through F-1558 have been entitled "Provision for Deeding Property to a Federated Church." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1556. District Supts. of the Wyoming Conf., Philip N. Pitcher, Secy., Wyoming Conf., Binghamton, NY.

F-1557. Wyoming Conf. on Parish Development Review, Philip N. Pitcher, Chairman, Binghamton, NY.

F-1558. Wyoming Conf. General and Jurisdictional Conf. Delegation, James A. Wert, Secy., Endicott, NY.

F-1559. Churches in Static Population Areas. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

F-1560. Churches in Static Population Areas. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director and one member, Hayesville, NC.

Petitions Nos. F-1561 through F-1576 have been entitled "Churches in Static Population Areas." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

F-1561. Parish and Community Development Committee, West Ohio Conf., Rev. George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

F-1562. Town and Country Committee, South Indiana Conf., Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

F-1563. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conf.

F-1564. Work Area on Missions, Florida Conf., Robert H. Fox, Secy., Brooksville, FL.

F-1565. Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Memphis Conf.

F-1566. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

F-1567. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conf.

F-1568. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conf.

F-1569. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Durham, NC.

F-1570. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conf.

F-1571. United Methodist Council for Dynamic Rural Ministry, Donald E. Taft, Chairperson, Ashtabula, OH.

F-1572. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conf., William E. Burley, Secy.

F-1573. Doris L. Gidney, Waynesville UMC, Clyde, NC.

F-1574. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Pastor-Director, Fredonia KS.

F-1575. Ted G. Colescott, Ada UMC, Ada, MN.

F-1576. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Conf., Gerald E. Erter, Pres.

F-1577. Restoration of the Name "Steward." Doris L. Gidney, Waynesville UMC, Clyde, NC.

F-1578. Restoration of the Name "Steward." United Methodist Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Conf., The Plains, OH.

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS[6]

F-1579. Parsonage Equity in Realignment of Charges. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

F-1580. Charge-Wide Council on Ministries. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

F-1581. Definition of "Cooperative Parish Ministry." Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

F-1582. Charge-Wide Administrative Board. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

F-1583. Oppose Membership of Homosexuals. Arlene A. and Kenneth R. Glenn, Yuma UMC, Otis, CO.

F-1584. Study Committee in Planning for Local Church Building. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference. T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

F-1585. Local Church Organizational Structure. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

[6]See footnote, page 974.

F-1586. Church Conference. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Gerogia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

F-1587. Congregation Conference. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

F-1588. Duty of District Superintendent and Pastors in Administration of Local Church. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

F-1589. Awareness of Holy Spirit's Leading in Lives of Members. Rev. Alva H. Brock, Member, Florida Annual Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

F-1590. Associate and Affiliate Membership. Alaska Missionary Conference, John J. Shaffer, Special Asst., Conference Secretary, Nome, AK.

F-1591. Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Alaska Missionary Conference, John J. Shaffer, Special Asst., Conference Secretary, Nome, AK.

F-1592. Local Church Organization for the Needs of People. Woodrow Seals, UMC, Houston, TX.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

F-1593. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

F-1594. Lists of Trusts in Which Local Church Is Beneficiary. Committee on Reference.

For petitions re-referred to this committee, see pages 1106-1111.

G. Financial Administration

G-1001. Enlargement of Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Harvey W. Howze III, Sledge UMC, Sledge, MS.

Petitions G-1002 through G-1005 have been entitled "Responsibilities of Conference Council on Finance and Administration." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1002. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

G-1003. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

G-1004. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

G-1005. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

Petitions G-1006 through G-1014 have been entitled "Composition of Annual Conference Council on Finance of Administration." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1006. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Memphis Conference, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

G-1007. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

G-1008. Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, Mississippi Conference, James E. Benson, Chairman.

G-1009. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Dir., Obion, TN.

G-1010. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

G-1011. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

G-1012. Minnesota Conference, Milton R. Lentz, Sec.

G-1013. Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Young Adult Conference, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

G-1014. Winchester Summers, Sledge UMC, Sledge, MS.

G-1015. The Conference Council Director's Relationship to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. National Association of Conference Council Directors, Dr. Anthony Shipley, Pres., Detroit, MI.

G-1016. The Conference Council Director's Relationship to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. National Association of Conference Council Directors, H. W. Scoates, Sec.-Treas., St. Simons Island, GA.

G-1017. Nominations for Membership on Council on Finance and Administration. Sam T. Scott, Sledge UMC, Sledge, MS.

G-1018. Staff Responsibilities of Annual Conference Foundations. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

G-1019. Legislative Proposals Concerning Council on Finance and Administration. Council on Finance and Administration, R. Bryan Brawner, General Secy., Evanston, IL.

G-1020. Legislative Proposals Concerning Council on Finance and Administration. Council on Finance and Administration, R. Bryan Brawner, General Secy., Evanston, IL.

G-1021. The Budget Making Responsibility of the Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration. The Council on Finance and Administration, Alabama-West Florida Conference, Wilson Patterson, Pres., Montgomery, AL.

G-1022. Budget Building. Council on Ministries, North Carolina Conference, Mrs. Ray Simpson, Jr., Secy.

G-1023. Policy on Agency Budgets. Council on Ministries, Western North Carolina Conference, Julian A. Lindsey, Dir., Charlotte, NC.

G-1024. Priority of Salary Items in Annual Conference Budget. Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Council Directors, H. W. Scoates, Pres., St. Simons Island, GA.

G-1025. Amendments to Basic Salary Plan. Commission on Equitable Salaries, Charles B. Weber, Chairman, Baltimore Conference.

G-1026. Basic Salary Plan. Equitable Salary Commission, Wyoming Conference, Rev. Norman R. Tiffany, Secy., Castle Creek, NY.

G-1027. Basic Salary Plan by Majority Vote. Rev. Susan Anne Bennett, North Carolina Conference.

G-1028. Change in Procedure for Adoption of Basic Salary Plan. New York Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

G-1029. Clarification of Basic Salary Plan. Southern Illinois Conference, Earl R. Renshaw, Secy., Mt. Vernon, IL.

G-1030. Deletion of Par. 893, "Basic Salary Plan." East Ohio Commission on Equitable Salaries, Thomas A. Letzler.

G-1031. Delete Paragraph on Basic Salary Plan. National Consultation on Equitable Salaries, James D. Archer, Chairman.

G-1032. Delete Paragraph on Basic Salary Plan. Commission on Equitable Salaries, North Alabama Conference, James D. Archer, Chairman.

G-1033. Oppose Augmentation of Basic Salary. The Renewal Caucus, Northern Illinois Conference, Rev. Fred Berchtold, Secy., Northlake, IL.

G-1034. Provisions of Basic Salary Plan. Gregory R. Dell, Northern Illinois Conference.

G-1035. Right of Pastoral Charge to Augment Basic Salary. New York Conference, Rev. Clifford H. Field, Jr., Secy., Bridgeport, CN.

G-1036. Basic Salary Not to Be Augmented by Pastoral Charge. Rev. Susan Ann Bennett, Western North Carolina Conference.

G-1037. Organization and Function of Commission on Equitable Salary. Robert L. Walker, First UMC, Aberdeen, WA.

G-1038. Composition of Commission of Equitable Salaries. John T. Lundy, Munsey Mem. UMC, Johnson City, TN.

Petitions G-1039 through G-1042 have been entitled "Composition of Commission on Equitable Salaries." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1039. Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, Mississippi Conference, James E. Benson, Chairman.

G-1040. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town & Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

G-1041. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

G-1042. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

G-1043. Membership of Commission on Equitable Salaries. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

Petitions G-1044 through G-1047 have been entitled "Consideration in Setting Equitable Salary Schedule. They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1044. Conference Committee on Parish and Community Development, Mississippi Conference, James E. Benson, Chairman.

G-1045. Legislative Task Force, SEJ Town and Country Fellowship, Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Chairman, Dyersburg, TN.

G-1046. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, Memphis Conference, Homer E. Johns, Chairman.

G-1047. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

G-1048. Considerations in Adopting Schedule of Equitable Salaries. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

Petitions G-1049 through G-1066 have been entitled "Consideration in Determining Equitable Salary." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1049. LeRoy Davis, Jr., Virginia Conference.

G-1050. Betty Purkey, First UMC, Lumberton, NC.

G-1051. Delton Krueger, Minnesota Conference.

G-1052. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

G-1053. Commission on Equitable Salaries, Baltimore Conference, Clifford R. Gross, Baltimore, MD.

G-1054. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference, Rev. Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

G-1055. W. F. Appleby, North Mississippi Conference.

G-1056. Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

G-1057. Twin Valley Parish Staff, George Almquist, Pastor-Director, Fredonia, KS.

G-1058. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secretary, West Ohio Conference.

G-1059. Rural Ministries Training Program in Ohio, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, OH.

G-1060. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Exec. Dir., Hayesville, NC.

G-1061. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

G-1062. Doris L. Gidney, Waynesville UMC, Clyde, NC.

G-1063. Ted G. Colescott, Ada and Beltrami UMC, Ada, MN.

G-1064. Town and Country Committee, South Indiana Conference, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

G-1065. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Francis Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

G-1066. Parish and Community Development Committee, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

G-1067. Considerations in Establishing Equitable Salary Schedule. John T. Lundy, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

G-1068. Consideration in Establishment of Equitable Salary. Rev. Kenneth H. Phifer, Holston Conference.

Petitions G-1069 through G-1071 have been entitled "Considerations in Schedule of Equitable Salaries." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1069. Fellowship of Town and Country Leaders in the Southeast, T. Jack McCollough, Pres.

G-1070. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

G-1071. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Durham, NC.

G-1072. Consideration of Equitable Salaries. Clifford R. Gross, Bethany UMC, Ellicott City, MD.

G-1073. Equal Minimum Salaries. Jerry W. Brummett, Florida Conference.

G-1074. Exemption of Tent-Maker Ministries from Provisions of Equitable Salary Fund. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Sec.

G-1075. Provisions Concerning Equitable Salaries. National Consultation on Equitable Salaries, James D. Archer, Chairman.

G-1076. Revision of Equitable Salary Legislation. Commission on Equitable Salaries, North Alabama Conference, James D. Archer, Chairman.

G-1077. Substitution for Section on Equitable Salaries. James H. Womack, Western North Carolina Conference.

G-1078. Revise Formula for Conference Average Salary. Board of Pensions, Minnesota Conference, William O. Kvale, Exec. Secy., Mankato, MN.

G-1079. Study Commission on Salary Structure. Consultation of Ordained Women, Lynne Jooselyn, Chairperson, Brewer, ME.

G-1080. Salary for Parish Directors. Council for Dynamic Rural Ministry, Donald E. Taft, Chairperson, Ashtabula, OH.

G-1081. Include All Ministerial Salaries in Ministerial Support Items. Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Council Directors, H. W. Scoates, Director, St. Simons Island, GA.

G-1082. Augmentation of Basic Support of Pastor. Gregory R. Dell, Northern Illinois Conference.

G-1083. Salary Provisions for Tent-Maker Ministries. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1084. Provision for Salary in Tent-Maker Ministries. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1085. Oppose Present Paragraph on Minimum Salary for Clergy Couples. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

G-1086. Salary Claim for Husband-and-Wife Team Ministries. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1087. Guidelines for Salary Claim for Husband-and-Wife Team Ministries. Rev. Melvin R. Woodworth, Pacific Northwest Conference.

G-1088. Single Salary Schedule. Dr. Wayne H. Long, California-Nevada Conference.

G-1089. Single Salary Schedule, Darrell D. Hoyle, California-Nevada Conference.

G-1090. Salary Scale for Executive Staff. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

G-1091. Renumeration of Ministers in Special Appointments. New Hampshire Conference, Calvin Warburton, Secy., Raymond, NH.

G-1092. Mandatory Report of Salaries of Ministers in Special Appointments. Western New York Conference, Frank J. Mucci, Secy.

Petitions G-1093 through G-1095 have been entitled "Salary Supplement for Clergy of Rio Grande Conference." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1093. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Carlos Perez, District Superintendent, El Paso, TX.

G-1094. Thirty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

G-1095. Administrative Board, La Divina Trinidad UMC, Roberto Tafolla, Pres., Uvalde, TX.

G-1096. Centralized Method of Salary Payment. Robert P. Longenecker, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

G-1097. Central Office for Payment of Salaries. Darrell D. Hoyle, California-Nevada Conference.

G-1098. Provision for Parsonage Included in Ministerial Support. R. Dulaney Barrett, Oklahoma Conference.

G-1099. Support Legislation on Housing and Rental Allowances. Holston Annual Conference, R. H. Duncan, Conference Board of Pensions Chairman.

G-1100. Associate District Superintendents. Lemuel Summers, North Mississippi Conference.

G-1101. Change of Fiscal Year for the General Council on Finance and Administration. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1102. Clarification of Full-Time and Tent-Maker Ministries. Wisconsin Conference, William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1103. Clarify Guidelines Between Area Office Expense and Episcopal Office Expense. Baltimore Conference, Harold B. Wright, Secy.

G-1104. Committee on Legal Defense. Central Illinois Conference, Larry Lawler.

G-1105. Definition of Full-Time Service. Board of Ministry, New Hampshire Conference, Daniel V. Weaver, Chairperson, Concord, NH.

G-1106. Deletion of the Word "Black." Administrative Board, Great Bridge UMC, Elmer Raper, Chairperson, Chesapeake, VA.

G-1107. Determination of Committee Structure. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

G-1108. Eliminate Confusion Regarding the Term Secretary. Virginia Annual Conference, Beverly J. Davis, Jr., Editor, Virginia Conference Journal, Chatham, VA.

G-1109. Staff Leadership of Foundations. Association of United Methodist Foundations, A. A. Wright, Pres., Los Angeles, CA.

G-1110. Nomination of Trustees for John St. Church. Board of Trustees, John Street UMC, William O. Elzay, Pres., New York, NY.

G-1111. Trustees for John Street UMC. Board of Trustees, John Street UMC, William O. Elzay, Pres., New York, NY.

G-1112. Support For John Street Church. Board of Trustees, John Street UMC, William O. Elzay, Pres., New York, NY.

G-1113. Cooperative Buying. Central Illinois Conference, Larry L. Lawler, Secy.

G-1114. Committee to Review Stock Investments. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conference.

G-1115. Study Change in Method of Assessing Social Security Taxes for Ministers. Oregon-Idaho Conference, Clark S. Enz, Secy., Tigard, OR.

G-1116. Support Legislation on Certain IRS Exclusions for Widows. Board of Pensions, Holston Conference, Robert H. Duncan, Chairman.

G-1117. Sale of Abandoned Property. Parish Community Development Committee, West Ohio Conference, George L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

Petitions G-1118 through G-1124 have been entitled "Newspaper Notice in Sale of Abandoned Property." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1118. Town and Country Committee, South Indiana Conference, Rev. Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

G-1119. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

G-1120. Rural Ministries Training Program, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator, West Ohio Conference.

G-1121. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, West Ohio Conference, William E. Burley, Secy.

G-1122. Doris L. Gidney, Waynesville UMC, Clyde, NC.

G-1123. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Exec. Dir., and one Member, Hayesville, NC.

G-1124. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Conference, Gerald E. Erter, Pres., The Plains, OH.

G-1125. Change in Wording in Paragraph 892.1. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, M. Wilson Nesbitt, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Durham, NC.

G-1126. Change in Wording in Paragraph 892.1. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Western North Carolina Conference.

G-1127. Editorial Revision in Paragraph 892.1. Town and Country Committee, South Indiana Conference, Jerry Crouse, Secy., Graysville, IN.

G-1128. Editorial Revision in Paragraph 892.1. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conference.

G-1129. Eliminate Sexist Wording from Pargraph 892.1. Albert F. Fisher, North Carolina Conference.

Petitions G-1130 through G-1135 have been entitled "Proper Wording Editorial Revision in Paragraph 892.1." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1130. Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Executive Director, Hayesville, NC.

G-1131. Doris L. Gidney, First UMC, Clyde, NC.

G-1132. Ohio Rural Ministries Training Program, Harold W. McSwain, Coordinator.

G-1133. Parish and Community Development Committee of Section on Missions, West Ohio Conference, Geroge L. Sidwell, Chairman, Englewood, OH.

G-1134. United Methodist Rural Fellowship, West Ohio Conference, Gerald E. Erter, Pres.

G-1135. Committee on Town and Country Ministries, William E. Burley, Secy., Midway, OH.

G-1136. Committee on Uniform Personnel Practices. The General Board of Discipleship, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres., Nashville, TN.

G-1137. Lay Employment. National United Methodist Women's Caucus, Christine Modisher, Co-Coordinator, Urbana, IL.

G-1138. Limitation of Tenure of Employees of General Agencies. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Conference.

G-1139. Apportionment Based on Pastors' Average Salary. Wyatt J. Weeks, Ohio West Conference.

G-1140. Annual Appropriation for Robert Strawbridge House. Southeastern Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History.

G-1141. Financial Appropriation for Robert Strawbridge House. Baltimore Annual Conference, Harold B. Wright, Conf. Secy.

G-1142. Financial Appropriation for Strawbridge House. Baltimore Conference, Harold B. Wright, Secy., Linthicum Heights, MD.

G-1143. Appropriation for American Council on Alcohol Problems. Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.

G-1144. Appropriation for Ethnic Minority Local Church. Board of Global Ministries, Negail R. Riley, Assistant Gen. Secy., New York, NY.

G-1145. Assist in Saving Wesley Chapel. Southern Illinois Conference. Earl R. Renshaw, Secy., Mt. Vernon, IL.

G-1146. Financial Assistance for Restoration of Wesley's Chapel. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Reid S. Wilson, Lay Leader, Jefferson City, TN.

G-1147. Financial Allocation for Wesley's Chapel. Commission on Archives and History, Northeast Jurisdiction, Robert B. Steelman, Pres., Newtonville, MA.

G-1148. Appropriation for Wesley's Chapel. Commission on Archives and History, John H. Ness, Jr., Exec. Secy., Lake Junaluska, NC.

G-1149. Resolution on the Restoration of Wesley's Chapel. Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, James K. Mathews, Bishop and Pres., New York, NY.

G-1150. Basis for Local Church Apportionments. William W. Spiegelhalder, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

G-1151. Basis for World Service Apportionments. Division of Discipleship, West Ohio Conference, Emerson Colaw, Chairman.

G-1152. Itemization of World Service Askings. L. C. Summers, North Mississippi Conference.

G-1153. Itemization of World Service Askings. Administrative Board, Sledge UMC, Harvey W. Howze III, Chairman, Sledge, MS.

G-1154. Change in Basis for Apportionments of Ministerial Education Fund. Council on Finance and Administration, California-Nevada Conference, John W. Taylor, Pres., Modesto, CA.

G-1155. Apportioned Items and Voluntary Support Items. Rev. F. Gerald Walker, Jr., Southwest Texas Conference.

G-1156. Annual Progression of General Conference Apportionments. Pacific Northwest Conference, Edward F. Altes, Jr., Secy.

G-1157. Ceiling Formula for General Conference Apportionments. Pacific Northwest Conference, Edward F. Altes, Jr., Secy.

G-1158. Committee of Laypersons to Recommend Apportionments of District Churches. L. C. Summers, North Mississippi Conference.

G-1159. Distribution of Apportionments. The Council on Finance and Administration of the Baltimore Conference, Charles L. Mann, Pres., Baltimore, MD.

G-1160. Method of Distributing Apportionments to Districts and Churches. Administrative Board, Roff UMC, Gene Teel, Chairman, Roff, OK.

G-1161. Reject Nine Percent Increase in Apportionments. Administrative Board of High St. UMC, Michael A. Snyder and 40 members, Muncie, IN.

G-1162. Review Apportionment System. Rev. Neil Westby, North Georgia Conference.

G-1163. Careful Consideration of Recommendation No. 7 from Study of Church Membership Trends. Board of Discipleship Executive Committee, W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

G-1164. Reduce or Eliminate Expenditure of Funds for General Conference. Congregation of Mt. Pisgah UMC, Haven Kessel, Chairman of Administrative Board, Mt. Sidney, VA.

G-1165. Re-Investment of Income Producing Funds. Charles A. Lowry, Alsea UMC, Alsea, OR.

G-1166. United Methodist Development Fund. Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

G-1167. Investment of Annual Conference Funds. Council on Ministries, Southwest Texas Conference, Bruce C. Galloway, Director, San Antonio, TX.

G-1168. Retain Ministerial Education Fund. Iowa Conference, Susan J. Terry, Secy.

G-1169. Allocation of Ministerial Education Fund. Board of Ministry, California-Nevada Conference, John V. Albright, Sr., Registrar.

G-1170. Equitable Support for Schools, Colleges and Seminaries. Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Charles E. Weigel, Jr., Secy.

G-1171. Substitute "College Fund" for "Negro College Fund." Ann Melton and 37 members, Simpson UMC, Detroit, MI.

G-1172. Black Colleges. National United Methodist Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Co-Coordinator, Urbana, IL.

G-1173. Change Name of Black College Fund. Administrative Board, First UMC, Mitchell G. Florence, Chairman, Lutz, FL.

G-1174. Continue Black College Fund as Apportionment Item. East Ohio Chapter of Black Methodists for Church Renewal. Ninety-four identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

G-1175. Financial Support of Black Colleges. Black College Commission, California-Nevada Conference, John H. Emerson, Secy., Livermore, CA.

G-1176. Certification of Non-Discrimination. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

G-1177. Participation in Project Equality. General Commission on Religion and Race, Woodie W. White, Exec. Secy., Washington, DC.

G-1178. Funding for Ethnic Minority Local Church. Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Addie Shopshire, Secy., Atlanta, GA.

G-1179. Funding Urban Ministries. Sinclair E. Lewis, St. Mark UMC, Seneca, SC.

G-1180. Black Church Development Fund. Black United Methodists of Western North Carolina Conference, Cecil H. Marcellus, Jr., Superintendent, Winston-Salem, NC.

G-1181. Financial Relationship of Local Churches. Administrative Board, Kingswood UMC, Roger Lee Johnson, Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

G-1182. Restriction on Funding Special Studies and Task Forces. Paul M. Mosley and four other members, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

G-1183. Restrictions on Funding Special Studies and Task Forces. Porter W. Carswell, Delegate.

G-1184. Cease Funding Special Studies and Task Forces. Coleman Bible Class, UMC, Irwin N. Reeves, Pres., Waynesboro, GA.

G-1185. Cease Funding Special Studies and Task Forces. Reachers Young Adult Class, First UMC, Hal Henderson, Tifton, GA.

G-1186. Cease Funding Special Task Forces. Administrative Board, UMC, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

G-1187. Meeting Physical and Spiritual Hunger. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Conference.

G-1188. Turn Over Funds from Bishops' Call to Peace to UMCOR. Charles H. Burlingame, Taos UMC, Taos, NM.

G-1189. World Hunger Fund. West Michigan Conference, Lawrence R. Taylor, Secy.

G-1190. Funds for World Hunger. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

Petitions G-1191 through G-1195 have been entitled "Publicize Requests for Funding of New Projects." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1191. Reachers Young Adult Class, First UMC, H. R. Henderson, Teacher, Tifton, GA.

G-1192. Ochlocknee UMC, James T. Groover, Board Chairman, Ochlocknee, GA.

G-1193. Horace F. Ether, First UMC, Media, PA.

G-1194. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

G-1195. Harrill E. Weller, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

Petitions G-1196 through G-1198 have been entitled "Withhold Funds from Agencies Advocating Ordination of Homosexuals." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1196. Administrative Board, Jefferson Avenue UMC, Margaret Byers, Secy., Washington, PA.

G-1197. Western Pennsylvania Conference, Glen B. Kohlhepp, Secy., Mars, PA.

G-1198. Waxahachie District Caucus, Paul Wiseman, Secy., Hillsboro, TX.

G-1199. Oppose Funding of Counselling Projects Which Favor Homosexual Practices. Administrative Board, McDonaldsville, St. Paul UMC, Charles W. Ulmer, Pastor, North Canton, OH.

G-1200. Funding of Special Interest Groups Through Voluntary Offerings. Gilbert W. Olson, Pacific Northwest Conference.

G-1201. List Names of Donors to Designated Projects. Merle Powers, Good Shepherd UMC, St. Clair Shores, MI.

G-1202. Voluntary Support Options. Mr. and Mrs. Ed P. Coppedge, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

G-1203. Eliminate National and World Councils From Participation in Interdenomination Cooperation Fund. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Daniel E. Pferdeort, Baltimore, MD.

G-1204. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund Deleted from Apportionments. Mrs. R. L. Douthit, Spruce Pine UMC, Spruce Pine, AL.

G-1205. Optional Contributions to Interdenominational Cooperation Fund. Administrative Board, First UMC, Dick Thomas, MD, Chairman, Jonesville, LA.

Petitions G-1206 through G-1208 have been entitled "Selective Giving to Interdenominational Cooperation Fund." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1206. Charles E. Dowdell, East Ohio Conference.

G-1207. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Dr. Normand Hudon, Chairman, Milton, FL.

G-1208. Mrs. Lillian Thompson, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.

Petitions G-1209 through G-1216 have been entitled "Selective Giving." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1209. Damon K. Hilton, Sr., and 45 members, UMC, Waldboro, ME.

G-1210. L. Thomas Moore, Jr., Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

G-1211. Administrative Board, UMC, Mrs. Loren Bandy, Chairperson, Hillsboro, IL.

G-1212. L. Thomas Moore, Jr., Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

G-1213. Helen Dixon, Florence UMC, Independence, KY.

G-1214. John Morgan, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.

G-1215. Nellie Riley, Florence UMC, Union, KY.

G-1216. Ella Pearl Bethel, Florence UMC, Florence, KY.

G-1217. Selective Giving to Mission Projects by Local Churches. Jeanne Houghton, Weedman UMC, Weedman, MI.

G-1218. Selective Giving by Local Churches. Athel J. Lynch, Weidman UMC, Weidman, MI.

G-1219. Selective Giving by Local Churches. Administrative Board, Weidman UMC, Thomas M. Herman, Chairman, Weidman, MI.

Petitions G-1220 through G-1228 have been entitled "Selective Giving to General Agencies and Programs." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1220. Mrs. G. D. Hieronymus, First UMC, Somerset, KY.

G-1221. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harwood, First UMC, Haddon Heights, NJ.

G-1222. Mrs. Cleo Ropp, Jefferson Chapel UMC, Columbia City, IN.

G-1223. Twenty identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

G-1224. Administrative Board, Damascus UMC, Mrs. James Barclay, Chairman, Damascus, OH.

G-1225. Albert Myers, UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

G-1226. Claude J. Haag and 20 members, Swea City UMC, Swea City, IA.

G-1227. Mrs. Ralph C. Bum, Mary Branan UMC, Atlanta, GA.

G-1228. Sunday School Class 3&4, Mrs. Ruth P. Walter, Teacher, York, PA.

Petitions G-1229 through G-1235 have been entitled "Selective Giving to World Service." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1229. Council on Ministries, St. Luke's UMC, Brenda Testerman, Rec. Secy., Lubbock, TX.

G-1230. Administrative Board, St. Mark's UMC, Frank W. Brearley, Chairman, Raleigh, NC.

G-1231. Administrative Board, Melbourne UMC, Doris Lee Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.

G-1232. Administrative Board, Haynesville UMC, Maurice J. Birdwell, Rec. Secy., Haynesville, LA.

G-1233. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jerry Price, Rec. Secy., Minden, LA.

G-1234. Congregation, Christ UMC, Gordon and Neva Martin, Co-Chairmen, Rochester, MN.

G-1235. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Maurice Webb, Chairman, Rochester, MN.

G-1236. Selective Giving to National Council of Churches. Mrs. Nancy Freeman, South Point UMC, South Point, OH.

G-1237. Selective Giving to WCC, NCC, COCU. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Conference.

Petitions G-1238 through G-1248 have been entitled "Selective Giving to World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1238. Jeanne Frisbie and seven members, Gypsum UMC, Salina, KS.

G-1239. Administrative Board, First UMC, Albert R. Coleman, Chairman, Clyde, OH.

G-1240. Rero Kothou, UMC, O'Neill, NB.

G-1241. Mary Cole, Leaton UMC, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

G-1242. Rev. Athel J. Lynch, West Michigan Conference.

G-1243. Art Carlson, Arnold UMC, Arnold, NB.

G-1244. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Conference.

G-1245. Rodney K. Potter, First UMC, Hobart, IN.

G-1246. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, H. Normand Hudon, Chairman, Milton, FL.

G-1247. Rev. James N. Hosey, Jr., Alabama-West Florida Conference.

G-1248. Council on Ministries, Simpson UMC, Mary Louise Pridgeon, Chairperson, Kalamazoo, MI.

G-1249. Funds for Programs Which Support Biblical Positions. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenk, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

G-1250. Financial Support of Programs Consistent with Social Principles. Administrative Board, Aldersgate UMC, Harold H. Zirkel, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

G-1251. Funds for Programs which Support Present Social Principles. Administrative Board, First UMC, Dick Thomas, MD, Chairman, Jonesville, LA.

G-1252. Funds for Programs which Support Present Social Principles. Administrative Board, St. Luke's UMC, Dan E. Mitchell, Chairman, Columbia, TN.

G-1253. Funds for Programs which Support Present Social Principles. Twenty-one identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

G-1254. Funds for Programs which Support Disciplinary Positions. John H. Ashley, Trinity UMC, Harwood, MD.

Petitions G-1255 through G-1294 have been entitled "Funds Only For Programs Which Are Consistent With Present Social Principles." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1255. Rev. James N. Hosey, Jr., Alabama-West Florida Conference.

G-1256. Twelve identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

G-1257. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

G-1258. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harwood, First UMC, Haddon Heights, NJ.

G-1259. Robert L. Henerd, Wheatley UMC, Wheatley, AR.

G-1260. Oklahoma Conference, Luman T. Cockerill, Secy., Oklahoma City, OK.

G-1261. Administrative Board, First UMC, James E. Lange, Chairman, Steelton, PA.

G-1262. Administrative Board, Jefferson Avenue UMC, Margaret Byers, Secy.

G-1263. Robert D. Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

G-1264. Robert D. Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

G-1265. Administrative Board, Pilgrim UMC, Howard Williams, Chairperson, and four members, St. Johns, MI.

G-1266. Administrative Board, Johnson UMC, Emary S. Shurley, Chairman, Warrenton, GA.

G-1267. Administrative Board, San Jacinto UMC, Robert Bryant, Sr., Chairman, Amarillo, TX.

G-1268. Miss Kathie Farrier, Mt. Bethel UMC, New Castle, VA.

G-1269. Council Board, Leander UMC, William M. Huggins, Chairman, Leander, TX.

G-1270. Administrative Board, First UMC, Calvin Karr, Chairman, Sinton, TX.

G-1271. Administrative Board, Colly Memorial UMC, Vic Scott, Pres., Eagle Lake, TX.

G-1272. United Methodist Youth Fellowship, St. Mark UMC, Mark Mang, Pres., McAllen, TX.

G-1273. Administrative Board, First UMC, Jimmy Marshall, Chairman, Jourdanton, TX.

G-1274. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Miller and five members, Faith UMC, N. Canton, OH.

G-1275. Robert F. Schwab and 11 Members, Faith UMC, N. Canton, OH.

G-1276. Youth Fellowship and "High Schoolers," Paradise Hills UMC, Lynn M. Jacobson and 12 members, Albuquerque, NM.

G-1277. Paradise Hills United Methodist Youth Fellowship and Leaders, Sandy Zimmerman, Members, Albuquerque, NM.

G-1278. Administrative Board, Asbury UMC, Charles Shaw, Chairman, San Antonio, TX.

G-1279. Administrative Board, First UMC, John Shalh, Chairman, Uvalde, TX.

G-1280. Administrative Board, Los Angeles Heights UMC, Charles C. Collie, Chairperson, San Antonio, TX.

G-1281. Administrative Board, Ward Memorial UMC, Marvin Philippus Chairman, Austin, TX.

G-1282. Prayer Group, Settle Memorial UMC, Patricia B. Noble, Member, Owensboro, KY.

G-1283. Travis B. McNair, Southwest Texas Conf.

G-1284. Council on Ministries, First UMC, Dr. Clyde M. Roberts, Chairman, San Angelo, TX.

G-1285. Administrative Board, First UMC, Philip C. Dibrell, Pastor, Sabinal, TX.

G-1286. Administrative Board, Pleasant Hill UMC, J. A. Pearson, Chairman, and 14 members, Springville, AL.

G-1287. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Conf.

G-1288. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harwood, First UMC, Haddon Heights, NJ.

G-1289. Vernon Hitz, Montezuma UMC, Montezuma, KS.

G-1290. Art and Dorothy Carlson, Arnold UMC, Arnold, NB.

G-1291. Marvin and Velma Fox, Mount Vernon UMC, Wichita, KS.

G-1292. Administrative Board, Damascus UMC, Mr. James Barclay, Chairman, Damascus, OH.

G-1293. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Dr. Normand Hudon and 21 members, Milton, FL.

G-1294. Administrative Board, UMC, Doil P. Keller, Chairman, Aransas Pass, TX.

G-1295. Funds Used Only For the Support of Programs Which are Consistent with the Stated Philosophies and Purposes of our Social Principles. Administrative Board, First UMC, LeMont Menking, Chairman, Gonzales, TX.

Petitions Nos. G-1296 through G-1298 have been entitled "Money only for Programs Which are Consistent with Present Social Principles." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1296. Twenty-two identical copies of this peititon have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

G-1297. Administrative Board, Harlandale UMC, William I. James, San Antonio, TX.

G-1298. Jesse M. Mothersbaugh, Southwest Texas Conf.

Petitions Nos. G-1299 through G-1316 have been entitled "Recover Money from Kent State Fund." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1299. Administrative Board, Otterbein UMC, Frank E. Klick, Chairperson, Navarre, OH.

G-1300. Ralph Turner, New Rumley UMC, New Rumley, OH.

G-1301. Thirty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

G-1302. Administrative Board, Chandlersville UMC, Dorothy Durant and 33 members, Chandlersville, OH.

G-1303. Marjorie Handlin and 36 members, Westbrook Park UMC, Canton, OH.

G-1304. Robert E. Logan and 73 members, East Rochester UMC, East Rochester, OH.

G-1305. Administrative Board, Peoli UMC, Stanley D. Dunlap, Chairman, Coshocton, OH.

G-1306. Administrative Board, Roscoe UMC, Jean Burchfield, Chairman, Coshocton, OH.

G-1307. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Frederick C. Cook, Willard, OH.

G-1308. Administrative Board, Memorial UMC, Anthoney D. Kazel, Chairman, Caledonia, OH.

G-1309. Administrative Board, Lowell UMC, Lowell, OH.

G-1310. Administrative Board, Roxford UMC, John Leggett, Chairman, and two members, Dennison, OH.

G-1311. Paul C. Vance, Park UMC, Coshocton, OH.

G-1312. Virginia L. Vance, Park UMC, Coshocton, OH.

G-1313. Tim A. Vance, Park UMC, Coshocton, OH.

G-1314. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

G-1315. Administrative Board, Main Street UMC, Howard A. Wright, Chairperson, Barnesville, OH.

G-1316. Administrative Board, Salem UMC, Herman W. Deuton, Chairman, Marion OH.

G-1317. Human Relations Day Offering. East Ohio Conf., Allan H. Zagray, Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

G-1318. Human Relations Sunday. National United Methodist Women's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Co-coordinator, Urbana, IL.

G-1319. Human Relations Day Offering. East Ohio Chapter of Black Methodists for Church Renewal. Eighty-seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

G-1320. Composition of Board of Pensions. SEJUMYAC, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

G-1321. Legislative Proposals Concerning Board of Pensions. General Board of Pensions, Alsie H. Carleton, Pres., Evanston, IL.

G-1322. Change of Fiscal Year for the General Board of Pensions of the UMC. Wisconsin Conf., William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1323. Continue Policies of General Board of Pensions. Central Texas Conf., J. W. Sprinkle, Ft. Worth, TX.

G-1324. Membership in Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. Jack A. Cramer-Heuerman, Central Illinois Conf.

G-1325. Review of Request of Conference Board of Pensions. Cabinet and Staff of the Minnesota Conf., Donald L. Walkes, Secy.

G-1326. Pensions and Economic Brotherhood. Northern Illinois Conf., Charles Klosterman, Secy., Downers Grove, IL.

G-1327. Constitution for Ministers Reserve Pension Fund. Iowa Conf., Susan J. Terry, Secy.

G-1328. Additional Participation in Pension Funds. Carl L. Pecock, Greenville UMC, Wooster, OH.

G-1329. Equitable Pension Plan. E. Eldredge Brewster, Northern Illinois Conf.

G-1330. Priority for Funding Pension Programs. Administrative Board, Baughman Memorial UMC, George Reimer, Chairman, New Cumberland, PA.

G-1331. Pension Responsibility in Conference of Original Membership. New Hampshire Conf., Board of Pensions, Kenneth Boyden, Chairman, Lawrence, MA.

G-1332. Delete Pro-Rata Rule. The Oregon-Idaho Conf., William O. Walker, Chairman, Corvallis, OR.

G-1333. Delete Penalty for Default. Erwin J. Pratt, Central Illinois Conf.

G-1334. Flexible Retirement. General Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, N. Y.

G-1335. Retirement After 20 Years of Service. Cecil F. Wilkins, California-Nevada Conf.

G-1336. Voluntary Retirement for Ministers at Age 62. Rev. Zane G. Norton, Western North Carolina Conf.

G-1337. Retirement at Age 62. Sylvan L. Nussbaum, North Indiana Conf.

G-1338. Early Retirement at Age 62. West Michigan Conf., Lawrence R. Taylor, Secy., Grand Rapids, MI.

G-1339. Early Retirement at Age 62. Sylvan L. Nussbaum, North Indiana Conf.

G-1340. Early Retirement for Ministers. Administrative Board, Beaver UMC, James H. Muns, Chairman, Beaver, PA.

G-1341. Early Retirement of Ministers. Paul S. Jones, Baltimore Conf.

G-1342. Early Retirement at Age 62. A. J. Bruyere, South Georgia Conf.

G-1343. Provisions for Retirement. Edward Sadler, Aldersgate-Bethany Charge, Columbia, IL.

Petitions Nos. G-1344 through G-1359 have been entitled "Provisions for Early Retirement." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1344. Paul J. Acker, West Ohio Conf.

G-1345. May V. Acker, Bellefontaine First UMC, Bellefontaine, OH.

G-1346. Mrs. Florence Nelle Alderfer & Robert Alderfer, Woodland Park UMC, McDonald, OH.

G-1347. Glenn and Ruth Cutting, Aldersgate UMC, Abilene, TX.

G-1348. William E. Lewis, Baltimore Conf.

G-1349. B. Roy Brown, Nebraska Conf.

G-1350. William E. Leckrone, First UMC, Godfrey, IL.

G-1351. Fred Beck, Metropolitan UMC, Alton IL.

G-1352. Mary Richardson, UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

G-1353. W.B. & M.R. Jones, Bowling Green First UMC, Bowling Green, OH.

G-1354. Ira Thetford, Southern Illinois Conf.

G-1355. Wilber O. Reinhardt, Grace UMC, Alton, IL.

G-1356. Louis Frich, St. Paul UMC, Olney, IL.

G-1357. Richard Scott, Grace UMC, Nashville, IL.

G-1358. J. Donald Zerbe, California-Nevada Conf.

G-1359. Doris B. Bailey, Central UMC, Albuquerque, NM.

G-1360. Relationship of Pensions to Ministerial Salaries. Untouchables of the Annapolis Area, Baltimore Conf., Walter Store and eight members, Gaithersburg, MD.

Petitions G-1361 through G-1364 have been entitled "Study Relationship of Pensions to Salaries." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1361. Baltimore Chapter of the Retired United Methodist Ministry, Baltimore Conf., Karl G. Newell, Pres.

G-1362. Retired Ministers Wives and Widows of the Baltimore Conf., J. Turnbull Spichwall and 13 members.

G-1363. West Potomac Association (retired United Methodist Ministers, Wives and Widows), Baltimore Conf., Calvin S. Shudey, Pres.

G-1364. Washington Retired Ministers, Wives and Widows Fellowship, Baltimore Conf., G. Custer Cromwell, Pres.

G-1365. Annuity Credit for Years in Seminary. R. Edwin Green, North Indiana Conf.

G-1366. Annuity Credit for Clergy Couples. Iowa Conf., Susan J. Terry, Secy.

G-1367. Establishment of Annuity Rate. Board of Pensions, North Alabama Conf., Hugh A. Neighbors, Jr., Member, Alexander City, AL.

G-1368. Minimum Annuity Rate. Arturo Mariscal, Rio Grande Conf.

Petitions Nos. G-1369 through G-1371 have been entitled "Minimum Annuity." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1369. Board of Pensions, Rio Grande Conf., Antonio Escareno, Layman, San Antonio, TX.

G-1370. Administrative Board, Iglesia Metodista Unida La Divina Trinidad, Robert Tafolla, Pres., Uvalde, TX.

G-1371. Five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

Petitions Nos. G-1372 through G-1375 have been entitled "Eliminate Rule on Proportional Payment." They are not identical, but are similar in content.

G-1372. Administrative Board, Asbury UMC, Hal Jole, Chairman, and 27 members, Eugene, OR.

G-1373. James and Margaret Siville, Asbury UMC, Eugene, OR.

G-1374. Adeline B. Volkstorf, Asbury UMC, Eugene, OR.

G-1375. Thomas R. Fletcher, Oregon-Idaho Conf.

G-1376. Retain Present Policy on Proportional Payments. National Consultation on Equitable Salaries, James D. Archer, Chairman.

G-1377. Retain Present Statement "Proportional Payments." East Ohio Commission on Equitable Salaries, Thomas A. Letzler.

G-1378. Method of Reporting Default in Proportional Payment. Erwin J. Pratt, Central Illinois Conf.

G-1379. Retain Legislation on Proportional Payment. Commission on Equitable Salaries, North Alabama Conf., James D. Archer, Chairman.

G-1380. Proportional Pension Payment Penalty. David L. Crawford, West Michigan Conf.

G-1381. Revamp Proportionate Payment Feature of Pension Plan. Edward J. Miller, Missouri East Conf.

G-1382. Proportional Pension Payment Penalty. West Michigan Conf., Lawrence R. Taylor, Secy.

G-1383. Proportional Payment Legislation. Odie Gregg, North Alabama Conf.

G-1384. Proportionate Pension Credit. Alice G. Morrison, Gresham UMC, Gresham, OR.

G-1385. Pension for Bishops, Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

G-1386. Pension Benefits for Bishops. R. Delbert Byrum, Western North Carolina Conf.

G-1387. Pensions for Bishops to be Funded by Annual Conference. Rev. Carlton Carruth, South Georgia Conf.

G-1388. Pension Credit for Clergy Couples. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

G-1389. Pension Credit for Clergy Couples. New York Annual Conf. Commission on Status and Role of Women, Rev. Robert D. Meadows-Rogers, Secy., Queens Village, NY.

G-1390. Pension Credit for Husband/Wife Teams. The Board of Pensions, Kansas East Conf., M. M. Wright, President.

G-1391. Pension Payments for Husband-Wife Teams Who Are Full-Time Ministerial Members of an Annual Conference. Wisconsin Conf., William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1392. Pension Credit for Person in Husband and Wife Team Ministry. Rev. Margaret A. Paige and 10 members, Detroit Conf.

G-1393. Service as an Evangelist to Count for Pension Credit. LeRoy Davis, Jr., Virginia Conf.

G-1394. Pension Credit for Tent-Maker Ministries. Wisconsin Conf., William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1395. Pension Claim for Tent-Maker Ministries. Wisconsin Conf., William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1396. Apportionment of Pension Payments to Tent-Maker Ministries. Wisconsin Conf., William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1397. Pension Credit for Part-Time Service. New York Conf. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Rev. Robert D. Meadows-Rogers, Secy., Queens Village, NY.

G-1398. Approval of Service as a Retired Minister for Pension Credit. Rev. L. D. Busley (Lay Pastor), Longtown Charge UMC, Sarah, MS.

G-1399. Pensions for Pastors Receiving Less than Minimum Salary. Detroit Conf., John Bray, Secy.

G-1400. Pension for Minister of Another Denomination. Alice G. Morrison, Gresham UMC, Gresham, OR.

G-1401. Pension for Minister of Another Denomination. Alice G. Morrison, Gresham UMC, Gresham, OR.

G-1402. Pensions of Former Ministerial Members. South Indiana Conf., Paul T. Jump. Secy.

G-1403. Pension Payments Without Regard to Sex or Marital Status. Wisconsin Conf., William V. Stevens, Secy.

G-1404. Pension Aid for Successor Annual Conferences Resulting from Merger with Former Central Jurisdiction Annual Conferences in Mississippi. Mississippi Conf., Harold G. Peden, Chairman, Board of Pensions, Pelahatchie MI.

G-1405. Review Pension Allowance for Edith A. Loose. Edith A. Loose, Newton UMC, Newton, KS.

G-1406. Reinstatement of Pension of Widow. Western New York Conf., Frank J. Mucci, Secy.

G-1407. Basis for Pension of Widow. Iowa Conf., Susan J. Terry, Secy.

G-1408. Benefit Rights of Surviving Spouse. Memphis Conf., William G. Adams, Secy.

G-1409. Pension for Widows and Dependent Children of Editors of Publishing House. Mary Ruth Minor, UMC, Franklin, TN.

G-1410. Pension of a Widow Who Remarries. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Clay, Orchard Park UMC, Orchard Park, NY.

G-1411. Continue Pension of Widow Regardless of Marital Status. Edwin A. Briggs, Rocky Mountain Conference.

G-1412. Right of Surviving Spouse to Receive Pension Regardless of Remarriage. Frieda Ellerbeck, Garwin UMC, Garwin, LA.

G-1413. Support Deletion of Paragraph 865—Pension of Surviving Spouse of Deceased Bishops. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

G-1414. Allocation for Funding Pensions of Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference. Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conf., Harry D. Folsom, Secy.

G-1415. Allocation to Fund Pension Obligations of Rio Grande Conference. Rio Grande Conf., Dr. Ruben Salcido, Secy., Nashville, TN.

G-1416. Appropriation for Funding Pensions of Rio Grande Conference. Administrative Board, La Divina Trinidad UMC, Roberto Tafolla, Pres., Uvalde, TX.

G-1417. Full Vesting of Pension Rights. Iowa Conf., Susan J. Terry, Secy.

G-1418. Full Pension Payments. Commission on Status and Role of Women in the Church, Wisconsin Conf., Charles E. Logdon, Secy.

G-1419. Full Pension Payments. Administrative Board, Brown Deer UMC, Janet Weick, Secy, Brown Deer, WI.

G-1420. Amendments to Proposals of General Board of Publication. General Board of Publication, John T. King, Pres., Dayton, OH. (Listed as reported by Committee on Reference.—Editor)

G-1421. Composition of Board of Publication. Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Young Adult Conference, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

G-1422. Composition of Board of Publication. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

G-1423. Print Discipline in Paperback Edition. Horace T. Connett, Sparta UMC, Faucett, MO.

G-1424. Print Entire Pension Code in Discipline. North Carolina Conf., James H. Coile, Secy., Trenton, NC.

G-1425. Urge Use of Proper English. Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.

G-1426. A Discipline with Simplified Language. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

G-1427. Consolidation of the Book of Discipline and the Book of Resolutions. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

G-1428. Consolidation of Book of Resolutions and Book of Discipline. Women's Division, Hazel Cummings, President, New York, NY.

G-1429. Controversial Issues in Church Publications. Central New York Conf., Stanley C. Robinson, Secy.

G-1430. General Periodical. General Conference Delegation, Rocky Mountain Conf., Harvey H. Potthoff, Chairman, Denver, CO.

G-1431. One Basic Publication. Administrative Board, Otterbein UMC, James Liskey, Chairman, Harrisonburg, VA.

G-1432. Periodical for Pastors. Philip M. Dripps, Northern Illinois Conf.

G-1433. Combine "Response" and "New World Outlook." Ina T. Hersman, Berlin UMC, Buckhannon, WV.

G-1434. Large-print Hymnal. Central New York Conf., Stanley C. Robinson, Secy.

G-1435. Professional Journal for Clergy. R. Dulaney Barrett, Oklahoma Conf.

G-1436. Bishop's Biographies and Autobiographies. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

G-1437. Book of Biographies of Methodist Bishops. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

G-1438. Book of Religious Experiences of Methodist Bishops. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

G-1439. Book of Quotations from the Writings of Bishops. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

G-1440. Consider Publication of Book on Help in Overcoming Alcohol and Drug Addiction. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

G-1441. Financial Appropriation to Publish Trumpet Unto The Last Battle—Armageddon. Louise Strumskis, First UMC, Ocala, FL.

G-1442. Equal-Length Answer to Views Contrary to Discipline. Administrative Board, St. John UMC, Troy L. Ericksen, Chairman, St. John, WA.

G-1443. Rotation of Editorial Staff. Mary Ruth Minor, UMC, Franklin, TN.

G-1444. Publishing Interests-Editorial Material in Harmony with Discipline. Administrative Board, St. John UMC, Troy Ericksen, Chairman, St. John, WA.

G-1445. Publication of Ministers' Remuneration. Virginia Conf., Beverly J. Davis, Jr., Editor, Journal, Virginia Conf., Chatham, VA.

G-1446. Comprehensive Audit Report from Boards and Agencies. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

G-1447. Include Column for Reporting Salary Supplement Monies. Commission on Equitable Salary, Wisconsin Conf., Al Eliason, Chairperson.

G-1448. Addition to Pastor's Report Form. Commission on Enlistment for Church Occupations, North Carolina Conf., E. M. Thompson, Jr., Representative, Wilmington, NC.

G-1449. Additions to Glossary of Terms. Mississippi Conf., Committee on Parish and Community Development, James E. Benson, Pastor.

G-1450. Additions to Glossary of Terms. Town and Country Commission, North Mississippi Conference, Howard L. Hathorn, Chairperson, Houston, MS.

G-1451. Additions to Glossary of Terms. Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Frances Louise Sharp, Program Director, Obion, TN.

G-1452. "Glossary of Terms." Reelfoot Rural Ministry Community Center, Laurance S. Russ, Jr., Minister, Hornbeak, TN.

G-1453. Continuation of the Purchase Discounts. The Yellowstone Conf., James E. Dickinson, Secy., Buffalo, WY.

G-1454. Service Charge on Personal Installment Purchases. Ronald J. Masterson, Kentucky Conf.

G-1455. Successor to the Methodist Corporation. General Council on Finance and Administration, F. Gerald Ensley, Pres.

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS[7]

G-1456. Selective Giving for World Service. Mrs. Cecil Peacock, Jefferson Chapel UMC, Roanoke, IN.

G-1457. Pension of a Widow Who Remarries. Thomas B. Clay, M.D., Mayodan UMC, Mayodan, NC.

G-1458. Minimum Annuity. Administrative Board, El Buen Pastor UMC, Ruben M. Siller, Chairman, Houston, TX.

G-1459. Consideration in Determining Equitable Salary. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCullough, Jr., Chairperson.

G-1460. Membership of Commission on Equitable Salary. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

G-1461. Salary Supplement for Rio Grande Conference. Administrative Board, Rio Grande Annual Conference, Ruben M. Siller, Chairman, Houston, TX.

G-1462. Newspaper Notice in Sale of Abandoned Property. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCullough, Jr., Chairperson.

G-1463. Additions to Glossary of Terms. Task Force on Parish Reformation, South Georgia Conference, T. J. McCollough, Jr., Chairperson.

G-1464. Funds for Programs Supporting Social Principles. 21 identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

G-1465. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

G-1466. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 1. Committee on Reference.

G-1467. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 3. Committee on Reference.

G-1468. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 4. Committee on Reference.

G-1469. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 5. Committee on Reference.

[7]See footnote, page 974.

G-1470. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 6. Committee on Reference.

G-1471. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 7. Committee on Reference.

G-1472. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 8. Committee on Reference.

G-1473. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 9. Committee on Reference.

G-1474. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 10. Committee on Reference.

G-1475. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 11. Committee on Reference.

G-1476. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 12. Committee on Reference.

G-1477. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 13. Committee on Reference.

G-1478. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 14. Committee on Reference.

G-1479. Council on Finance and Administration, Report No. 15. Committee on Reference.

G-1480. General Council on Ministries Report, Resolution B. Committee on Reference.

G-1481. General Council on Ministries Report, Resolution C. Committee on Reference.

G-1482. General Council on Ministries Report, Resolution D. Committee on Reference.

G-1483. General Council on Ministries Report, Resolution E. Committee on Reference.

G-1484. General Council on Ministries Report, Resolution F. Committee on Reference.

NEW MATERIAL REFERRED

G.-1488. Recommendations for Distribution of Proceeds of Sale of Real Estate of Methodist Corporation. Methodist Corporation, James K. Mathews, President.

For petitions re-referred to this committee, see pages 1106-1111.

H. Council on Ministries

H-1001. Changes in Missional Priorities. South Georgia Conference. C. W. Hancock, Secy., Macon, GA.

H-1002. Changes in Missional Priorities. Horace F. Ether, First UMC, Media, PA.

H-1003. Changes in Missional Priorities. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

H-1004. Adjustments in Missional Priorities Between General Conference Sessions. Marden B. Boyd, Vicksburg UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

H-1005. Adjustments in Missional Priorities Between General Conference Sessions. Administrative Board, Ochlocknee UMC, James T. Grover, Chairman, Ochlocknee, GA.

H-1006. Approval of Council of Bishops in Budget Adjustments. Reachers' Young Adult Class, First UMC, Harold Henderson, Tifton, GA.

H-1007. The Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self Development of Peoples. Women's Division, Mrs. Clifford Cummings, Pres., New York, NY.

H-1008. Support Priority of Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Church.

Administrative Board, Glacier Way UMC, Charles F. Engle, Chairman, Ann Arbor, MI.

H-1009. Jurisdictional Council on Ministries. South Georgia Conference. C. W. Hancock, Secy., Macon, GA.

H-1010. Organization, Structure and Function of General Council on Ministries. GCOM, John T. King, Pres.

H-1011. Committee to Study Role of PPR Committee. Melvin D. Hughson, Baltimore Conference.

H-1012. Staff Members of Council on Ministries. Wanda Dietmeier, Monroe UMC, Monroe, WI.

H-1013. Election of Women to Staff Positions. Doris D. Foote, First UMC, Madison, WI.

H-1014. Composition of General Council on Ministries. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

H-1015. Training for Conference Council Directors. National Association of Conference Council Directors. H. W. Scoates, Secy-Treas., St. Simons Island, GA.

H-1016. Training for Conference Council Directors. National Association of Conference Council Directors. Anthony Shipley, Pres., Detroit, MI.

H-1017. Promotion of One Great Hour of Sharing. Administration Board, Daniel E. Pferdeort, Chairman. Baltimore, MD.

H-1018. Supervised, Coordinated Programs for Single Adults. Judy M. Gilreath, First UMC, Sulphur Springs, TX.

H-1019. Special Days Without Offering. General Council on Ministries, John T. King, Pres., Dayton, OH.

H-1020. Human Relations Day Giving. Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

H-1021. Dates of Special Emphasis Sundays. Dwight Haynes, New Hampshire Conf.

H-1022. Careful Consideration of Recommendation No. 3 of Study on Church Membership Trends. Board of Discipleship Exec. Comm., W. Kenneth Goodson, Pres.

H-1023. Fair Hearing for General Church Programs. Robert L. Mateer, Community UMC, Natick, MA.

H-1024. Prohibit Persons from Speaking as Representing the UMC. Administrative Board, First UMC, Mrs. Clyde Case, Secy., Franklin, PA.

H-1025. Equal-Time Policy on Controversial Issues. Administration Board, Johnson UMC, Emary Shurley, Chairman, Warrenton, GA.

H-1026. Equal-time Policy on Controversial Issues, Roy L. Gardner, S. Georgia Conference.

H-1027. Cease Disruptive Activity. Janet Mowery, Church of the Lakes UMC, Canton, OH.

H-1028. Cease Supporting Activities that Show Lack of Compassion. Janet Mowery, Church of the Lakes UMC, Canton, OH.

H-1029. Composition of General Council on Ministries. Gordon Sorensen, Wisconsin Conference.

H-1030. Composition of General Council on Ministries. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Nashville, TN.

H-1031. Composition of Joint Committee on Communications. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

H-1032. Composition of Joint Committee on Communications. Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Young Adult Conference, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

Petitions Nos. H-1033 through H-1040 have been entitled "Strengthen the Interpreter." They are not identical, but similar in content.

H-1033. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Conference.

H-1034. Administrative Board, Weidman UMC, Thomas M. Hermen, Chairman, Weidman, MI.

H-1035. Administrative Board, Melbourne UMC, Doris Lee Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.

H-1036. Patricia Zee, Richwood UMC, Glassboro, NJ.

H-1037. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Annual Conference.

H-1038. Robert D. Snyder, East Ohio Conference.

H-1039. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Conference.

H-1040. Mrs. Ruth P. Walter, Trinity UMC, York, PA.

H-1041. United Methodist Publication in Every United Methodist Home. Administrative Board, McKownville UMC, Nancy P. Shene, Chairperson, Albany,NY.

H-1042. Book of Bishop Anecdotes Suitable for Sermon Illustrations and for Inspirational Reading. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

H-1043. The Interpreter. L. Thomas Moore, Jr., Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

H-1044. Function of Joint Committee on Communications. Administration Board, Aldersgate UMC, Daniel E. Pferdeort, Chairman, Baltimore, MD.

H-1045. Central Ordering and Distribution of Resources. General Council on Ministries, John T. King, Pres., Dayton, OH.

H-1046. Recognize Birthday of Martin Luther King as Church Holiday. John D. White, St. Mark's UMC, Sacramento, CA.

H-1047. Radio Vignettes for Local Church Sponsorship. Richard Reeves, First UMC, Decatur, IL.

H-1048. National Radio Program. Mrs. Richard Reeves, First UMC, Decatur, IL.

H-1049. National Television Programs. Mrs. H. Sheldon Pattison, First UMC, Decatur, IL.

H-1050. The Interpreter. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coppedge, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS[8]

H-1051. Composition of General Council on Ministries. Assoc. of Conference Presidents, United Methodist Men, Dean F. Davis, Secretary, Arlington, TX.

H-1052. Guidelines for Dealing with Priorities. Mrs. Maude Norwood, St. Mark's UMC, Belmont, NC.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

H-1053. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

H-1054. General Council on Ministries Resolution G. Committee on Reference.

H-1055. General Council on Ministries Resolution H. Committee on Reference.

H-1056. General Council on Ministries Resolution A. Committee on Reference.

H-1057. General Council on Ministries Resolution N. Committee on Reference.

H-1058. Where Is Evangelism in GCOM Plans? (Addendum to GCOM Report). Committee on Reference.

H-1059. How the Theme, The Kingdom in Our Midst, and the Two Priorities are Related (Addendum to GCOM Report). Committee on Reference.

H-1060. Actions on Special Days (Addendum to GCOM Report). Committee on Reference.

H-1061. Report of the Advance Committee (Addendum to GCOM Report). Committee on Reference.

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[8]See footnote, page 974.

H-1062. Report from Joint Committee on Communications (Addendum to GCOM Report). Committee on Reference.

H-1063. Resolution Regarding the World Hunger Missional Priority (Addendum to GCOM Reports). Committee on Reference.

H-1064. General Council on Ministries Resolution K. Committee on Reference.

H-1065. General Council on Ministries Resolution J. Committee on Reference.

NEW MATERIAL REFERRED

H-1081. Response to World Hunger. William E. Smith, West Ohio Conference.

For petitions re-referred to this committee see pages 1106-1111.

J. Independent Commissions

J-1001. Funds for Strawbridge House. Commission on Archives and History, Southeastern Jurisdiction of the UMC, Brooks B. Little, Exec. Secy., Nashville, TN.

J-1002. Appropriation for Robert Strawbridge House. Strawbridge Shrine Association, Inc., Edwin Schell, Exec. Secy., Baltimore, MD.

J-1003. Appropriation for Robert Strawbridge House. Commission on Archives and History, Baltimore Conference, Edwin Schell, Baltimore, MD.

J-1004. History of the Black Heritage of the United Methodist Church. East Ohio Annual Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

J-1005. Include History of Black Methodists. Polity Class, Garrett Evangelical Seminary, David Jackson, Evanston, IL.

J-1006. Inclusion of History of Central Jurisdiction. North Indiana Conference, Richard Kistler, Secy.

J-1007. History of Central Jurisdiction Conferences. East Ohio Chapter of Black Methodists for Church Renewal. 100 identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

J-1008. Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History. Commission on Archives and History, Northeast Jurisdiction, Robert Steelman, President, Newtonville, MA.

J-1009. Increase Budget of Commission on Archives and History. C. W. Brockwell, Jr., Louisville Annual Conference.

J-1010. Creative Use of Old Annual Conference Minutes. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conference.

J-1011. Correct Historical Data. Northern Illinois Annual Conference, Charles Klosterman, Conf. Secy., Downers Grove, IL.

J-1012. Legislative Proposals from Commission on Archives and History. Commission on Archives and History, O. Eugene Slater, Lake Junaluska, NC.

J-1013. Commission on Archives and History. Northern Illinois Annual Conference, Charles Klosterman, Conf. Secy., Downers Grove, IL.

J-1014. Composition of Commission on Archives and History. Robert Randall, Jr., Albany, GA.

J-1015. Composition of Commission on Archives and History. Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

J-1016. Fund Drive to Save Wesley's Chapel. Southeastern Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History, Brooks B. Little, Exec. Secy., Nashville, TN.

J-1017. Committee on Church and Community to be Involved in Planning for Church Extension. Walter E. Mischke, Jr., Memphis Conference.

J-1018. Legislative Proposals from Commission on Religion and Race. General Commission on Religion and Race, Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, Pres.

J-1019. Continued Need for the Work of the Commission on Religion and Race. Commission on Religion and Race, California-Nevada Conference, Richard A. Corson, Secy. to Commission.

J-1020. Composition of Annual Conference Commission on Religion and Race. East Ohio Annual Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

J-1021. Composition of Commission on Religion and Race. Robert Randall, Jr., Albany, GA.

J-1022. Composition of Commission of Religion and Race. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Nashville, TN.

J-1023. Establish Commission on Status and Role of Gay Persons. Frank J. Howell, Chairman, Gay Caucus, California-Nevada Annual Conference.

J-1024. Quadrennial Commissions. General Council on Ministries, John T. King, Pres., Dayton, OH.

J-1025. Continue Study Commission on the Episcopacy and District Superintendency—Par. 1281. Administrative Board, First UMC, Stephen E. Blackmon, Chairman, Washington, GA.

J-1026. Commission on Status and Role of Men. Charles R. Williams, D.S., North Georgia.

J-1027. Change Wording of Par. 1278.1. Southeastern Jurisdictional United Methodist Young Adult Conference III, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

J-1028. Terminate Commission on Status and Role of Women. Administrative Board, Sydenstricker UMC, Lewis R. Peverill, Chairman, Springfield, VA.

J-1029. Standing Commission on Status and Role of Women. Maine Annual Conference, Linwood R. Arnold, Secy., Newport, ME.

Petition Nos. J-1030 through J-1062 are titled "Permanent Commission on Status and Role of Women."

J-1030. Board of Church and Society, A. Dudley Ward, General Secy., Washington, DC.

J-1031. Consultation of Ordained Women, Lynne Josselyn, Chairperson, Brewer, ME.

J-1032. J. Gordon Melton and twelve various signatures, Emmanuel UMC, Evanston, IL.

J-1033. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Janice J. Rowe, Detroit, MI.

J-1034. Detroit Annual Conference, John Bray, Secretary.

J-1035. North Indiana Conference, Richard Kistler, Secy.

J-1036. Northern Illinois Conference, Charles Klosterman, Conf. Secy., Downers Grove, IL.

J-1037. Annual Church Conference, First UMC, Marilyn McGill, Secy., Portland, OR.

J-1038. North Georgia Committee on the Status and Role of Women, W. H. Ruff, Chairman, Atlanta, GA.

J-1039. Task Group on the Status and Role of Women, Kentucky Conference, Pauline Crain, Chairperson, Flemingsburg, KY.

J-1040. Western North Carolina Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Dorothy Osborne, Chairperson, Brevard, NC.

J-1041. Southern New Jersey Conference, Bertha B. Marker, Chairman.

J-1042. UMW, Southwest Texas Conference, Mrs. Henry E. Faseler, Secy., Corpus Christi, TX.

J-1043. National UM Women's Caucus, Christine Modisher, Urbana, IL.

J-1044. Task Force on Status and Role of Women, Jane S. Fribley, Chairperson, Indianapolis, IN.

J-1045. Commission on Status and Role of Women, California-Nevada Annual Conference, Barbara B. Troxell, Chairperson.

J-1046. Commission on Status and Role of Women, California-Nevada Annual Conference, Barbara B. Troxell, Chairperson.

J-1047. Administrative Board, J. Harold Treece, Chairperson, Elizabethtown, KY.

J-1048. Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Barbara Thompson, President, Silver Spring, MD.

J-1049. Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

J-1050. Nebraska Conference Commission on Status and Role of Women, Roberta Sugden, Chairperson.

J-1051. New York Annual Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Robert D. Meadows, Secretary, Queens Village, NY.

J-1052. Northern Illinois Conference, Shirley A. Benson, Secy., Elmhurst, IL.

J-1053. Wisconsin Conference Commission on Status and Role of Women, Eleanor B. Amico, Chairperson, Edgeton, WI.

J-1054. Palisade Church Conference, Elaine Peterson, Secy., Palisade, NB.

J-1055. East Ohio Annual Conference, Allan H. Zagray, Conf. Secy., Bucyrus, OH.

J-1056. West Ohio Conference Commission on Status and Role of Women, Sara Cox, Chairperson.

J-1057. The Yellowstone Annual Conference, James E. Dickinson, Secy., Buffalo, WY.

J-1058. Commission on Status and Role of Women, Helen Releford, Chairperson, Lubbock, TX.

J-1059. James H. Sapp, Kirkwood UMC, Dewark, DE.

J-1060. UMW, South High Street UMC, Elizabeth Smith plus eight various members, President, Ashville, OH.

J-1061. Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Owen, Bartlesville First UMC, OK.

J-1062. Women's Division, Hazel Cummings, New York, NY.

J-1063. Extend Life of Commission on Role and Status of Women. Conference Council on Ministries, Central Illinois Conference, Eugene J. Moore, Conf. Council Director.

Petitions Nos. J-1064 through J-1072 have been entitled "Discontinue Commission on Status and Role of Women." They are not identical, but similar in content.

J-1064. Administrative Board of Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.

J-1065. Porter Carswell, UMC.

J-1066. John A. Mason, West Virginia Annual Conference.

J-1067. Hamill E. Weller plus six various members, UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

J-1068. Administration Board of Trinity UMC, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

J-1069. Coleman Bible Class, Irvin N. Reeves, President, Waynesboro, GA.

J-1070. Administration Board, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

J-1071. UMW, Washington Avenue UMC of Columbus, OH.

J-1072. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

J-1073. Conference Commission on Status and Role of Women. Board of Church and Society, Central Illinois Conference, Donald R. Black, Chairman.

J-1074. Continue Commission on Status and Role of Women. Board of Church and Society, Central Illinois Conference, Donald R. Black, Chairman.

J-1075. Continuation of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, Edward F. Altes, Jr., Secy.

J-1076. Contribution of Women to the United Methodist Church. Women's

Division, Board of Global Ministries, Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings, President, New York, NY.

J-1077. Discontinue Commission on Status and Role of Women. Mr. and Mrs. Ed P. Coffedge, Lithia Springs, GA.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

J-1078. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

J-1079. Bi-Centennial Resolution (DCA, pp. 16-17). Committee on Reference.

For petitions re-referred to this committee see pages 1106-1111.

K. Administrative Order

K-1001. Legislative Proposals From Board of Church and Society. Board of Church and Society, Dudley Ward, Gen. Secy., Washington, D.C.

K-1002. Proposed Revision of General Provisions. General Council on Ministries, John T. King, Pres., Dayton, OH.

K-1003. Editorial Revision of Preamble to Constitution. Mrs. Karen Gottula, Montlieu Ave. UMC, Evanston, IL.

K-1004. Eliminate Sexist Language in Preamble of Constitution. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

K-1005. Editorial Revision of Par. 4 of Constitution, Mrs. Karon Gottula, Montlieu Ave. UMC, Evanston, IL.

K-1006. Reduction of Administrative Organization at the National, Jurisdictional and Annual Conference Levels. Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

K-1007. Leadership in the Church. Mrs. Maude Norwood, St. Mark's UMC, Belmont, NC.

K-1008. Accountability of Agencies, Rev. Dr. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Conf.

K-1009. Accountability of Agencies. Administrative Board, Melbourne UMC, Doris Lee Moore, Chairperson, Melbourne, KY.

K-1010. Accountability of General Agencies. Grace UMC, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. P. Coppedge, Atlanta, GA.

K-1011. Evaluation of General Agencies. Grace UMC, Mr. Robt. D. Ferguson, Ruston, LA.

K-1012. Evaluation of General Agencies. Council on Ministries, Ruston UMC, L. W. McGehue, Chairperson, Ruston, LA.

K-1013. Evaluation of General Agencies. Grace UMC, Mrs. Mildred T. McGidie, Ruston, LA.

K-1014. Commission to Study and Evaluate General Boards and Agencies. Administrative Board, FUMC, Minden, Jerry Price, Recording Secy., Minden, LA.

K-1015. Consideration of Actions of General Agencies by Council of Bishops. Eighty-five identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

K-1016. Monitor Activities of General Agencies. Grace UMC, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. P. Coppedge, Atlanta, GA.

Petitions Nos. K-1016 through K-1029 have been entitled "Monitor Activities of General Agencies." They are not identical, but similar in content.

K-1017. Administrative Board, Tiffin-Harmony UMC, Verl Walton, Chairman, Tiffin, OH.

K-1018. Twenty-two identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

K-1019. Paul Vance, Coshocton UMC, Coshocton, OH.

K-1020. Tim A. Vance, Park UMC, Coshocton, OH.

K-1021. Mrs. Virginia L. Vance, Park UMC, Coshocton, OH.

K-1022. Larry R. Shrout, Nebraska Annual Conf.

K-1023. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Conf.

K-1024. Administrative Board, Redeemer UMC, Jill Earvin, Secy., Akron, OH.

K-1025. Philip J. Morse plus 13 others, Epworth UMC, Gambier, OH.

K-1026. Richard A. Neftsinger plus 120 others, Fehl Memorial UMC, Navarre, OH.

K-1027. Administrative Board, Augusta UMC, R. D. Wright, Chairman, Augusta, GA.

K-1028. Robert D. Snyder, East Ohio Conf.

K-1029. Administrative Board, Endicott UMC, Berta Hepler, Secy., Endicott, NY.

K-1030. Sheila M. Shrout, Potter UMC, Potter NB.

K-1031. Study and Evaluation of General Agencies. Administrative Board, Lafayette UMC, Gladys P. Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.

K-1032. Study and Evaluation of General Boards and Agencies. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Maurice Webb, Chairman, Rochester, MN.

K-1033. Study Commission Established to Evaluate UMC National Boards and Agencies. Grace UMC, Maurice H. Baxter, Ruston, LA.

K-1034. Study Commission on General Agencies. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Rochester, MN.

K-1035. Study Commission to Evaluate Boards and Agencies. Administrative Board, Dorothy Perkins, Recording Secy., Sulphur, LA.

K-1036. Study Commission to Evaluate Boards and Agencies. Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Harrey D. Napper, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

K-1037. Study Commission to Evaluate General Agencies. Administrative Board, Haynesville UMC, Maurice J. Birdwell, Recording Secy., Haynesville, LA.

K-1038. Study of National Boards and Agencies, Council on Ministries, St. Luke's UMC, Brenda Festerman, Secy., Lubbock, TX.

K-1039. At-Large Members of General Agencies. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., Western North Carolina Conf.

K-1040. Limit Tenure of Board and Agency Staff to Eight Years. Mrs. J. N. Grenfell, Jr., Marquette UMC, Marquette, MI.

K-1041. Membership of Bishops in General Agencies. Hyde Park Community UMC, Leonard D. Slutz, Cincinnati, OH.

K-1042. Qualifications for Members and Staff of General Agencies. Kentucky Conf., David C. Ross, Secy., Danville, KY.

K-1043. Representation of Various Theological Viewpoints on General Boards. Cookeville UMC, Wendell A. Meggs, Cookeville, TN.

K-1044. Check Equality of Representation on General Agencies. Carl L. Pecock, Greenville, UMC, Wooster, OH.

K-1045. Continue Quota System. Administrative Board, Latham UMC, Richard Thompson, Chairman, Latham, NY.

K-1046. Eliminate Quota System After 1988. Robert Sprinkle, Florida Conf.

K-1047. Include a Cognitive Minority on Official Agencies. Alex Borsos, Jr., Southern New Jersey Conf.

K-1048. Include All Theologies in Quota System. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenk, Lebanon, PA.

K-1049. Oppose Preferential Treatment for Ethnic Groups, Clifford J. Forderhase, Christy UMC, St. Louis, MO.

K-1050. Oppose Quota System After 1980. Robert D. Snyder, East Ohio Conf.

K-1051. Quota of Evangelicals on General Boards. Rev. A. J. Lynch, W. Michigan Conf.

K-1052. Quotas of Evangelical Representatives. Mary M. Fowls plus 54 others, Elyria FUMC, Elyria, OH.

K-1053. Re-Evaluate Quota System. Administrative Board, High St. UMC, David P. Harris plus 41 others, Muncie, IN.

K-1054. Quota Systems for Evangelicals. Damern Hilton, Sr. plus 41 others, Waldoboro, ME.

Petitions Nos. K-1055 through K-1061 have been entitled "Removal of Quota System." They are not identical, but similar in content.

K-1055. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. P. Coppedge, Grace UMC, Atlanta, GA.

K-1056. Removal of Quota System. Seven identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secretary.

K-1057. Thurman Shuller, M.D., Grand Ave. UMC, McAlester, OK.

K-1058. Roger S. Stuart, Howe Memorial UMC, Crescent City, FL.

K-1059. Administrative Board, Yuba City UMC, Clarence Summy, Chairman, Yuba City, CA.

K-1060. Jack O. McGinnis, Casa Linda UMC, Dallas, TX.

K-1061. Jack O. McGinnis, Casa Linda UMC, Dallas, TX.

K-1062. Study of Quota System. Charles W. Keysor, Northern Illinois Conf.

K-1063. Terminate Quota System for General Agencies. Administrative Board, Otterbein UMC, James Liskey, Chairman, Harrisonburg, VA.

K-1064. Women Members of Executive Staff of General Agencies. The Tennessee Conf. Comm. on the Status and Role of Women, Ellen Rosser, Chairperson, Nashville, TN.

K-1065. Youth and Young Adult Membership of General Agencies. Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference, Robert Randall, Jr., Nashville, TN.

K-1066. Additional Representatives From Jurisdictions on Program Boards. South Georgia Conf., C. W. Hancock, Secy., Macon, GA.

K-1067. At-large Membership for Full Representation. Wanda Dietmeier, Monroe UMC, Monroe, WI.

K-1068. At-large Membership of Program Boards. Gordon Sorenson, Wisconsin Conf.

K-1069. At-large Membership of Program Boards. Doris D. Foote, Madison UMC, Madison, WI.

K-1070. Categories of Membership of Program Boards. Gordon Sorenson, Wisconsin Conf.

K-1071. Composition of Program Boards. Robert Randall, Jr., Avalon UMC, Albany, GA.

K-1072. Jurisdictional Representation on Program Boards. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Morgan Wynne, Chairman, Warner Robins, GA.

K-1073. Jurisdictional Representation on Program Boards. Ochlocknee UMC, James T. Geard, Chairman, Ochlocknee, Ga.

K-1074. Jurisdictional Representation on Program Boards. Marden B. Boyd plus 4 others, Vicksburg UMC, Vicksburg, MS.

K-1075. Membership of Program Boards. Doris D. Foote, Madison FUMC, Madison, WI.

K-1076. Merge Commissions into General Boards Structure. Floyd H. Coffman, Ottawa UMC, Ottawa, KS. (RE: Meetings of General Program Boards.)

K-1077. Merge Commissions into General Boards Structure. Floyd H. Coffman, Ottawa FUMC, Ottawa, KS. (Reorganization of All Programs Into the Regular Program Boards.)

K-1078. Nomination for Election to Program Boards. Wayne E. Shoemaker, Iowa Conf.

K-1079. Qualification for Members At-large of Program Boards. Louisiana Conf., L. Ray Branton, Secy.

K-1080. Reduce the Size of the Program Boards. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

K-1081. Reduce the Voting Membership of the Program Boards. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

K-1082. Young Adult Members of Program Boards. Southeastern Jurisdictional UM Young Adult Conference, St. Petersburg UMC, Flo Sapp, Chairperson, St. Petersburg, FL.

K-1083. Affirm Programs which Encourage Full Personhood. Iowa Conf., Susan J. Terry, Secy.

K-1084. Positions in Harmony With Social Principles. Robert W. Sprinkle, Florida Conf.

K-1085. Programs Consistent with Social Principles. Administrative Board, Browning UMC, Preston S. Adkinson, Pastor, San Antonio, TX.

K-1086. Prohibit Agencies from Supporting Positions that Contradict Social Principles. Administrative Board, Linwood Heights UMC, Audrey Lee Murphy, Chairman, plus 25 names, Eastern Pennsylvania Conf.

K-1087. Prohibit Agencies from Supporting Positions that Contradict Social Principles. Administrative Board, Campbelltown UMC, Carl E. Cope, Chairman, plus 39 others, Campbelltown, PA.

K-1088. Prohibit Agencies from Supporting Programs Opposed to Social Principles, Administrative Board, Farina UMC, Howard T. Hebron, Chairman, Farina, IL.

K-1089. Clarify Who Speaks for UMC. Administrative Board, Norcross UMC, Carl A. Garner, Jr., Chairman, Norcross, GA.

K-1090. Council of Bishops to Pass on Actions of General Agencies. Administrative Board, Swaim Memorial UMC, William L. Lyle, Chairman, Jacksonville, FL.

K-1091. Permission of Bishop Required in Fund-raising Campaigns by General Agencies. Harold Schilling plus 49 others, Church of the Lakes UMC, Canton, OH.

K-1092. Permission of Bishop Required in Fund-raising Campaigns by General Agencies. Administrative Board, Church of the Lakes UMC, Louis Boottler, Chairman, plus 45 others, Canton, OH.

K-1093. Representation of Differing Viewpoints in Controversial Issues. Taos UMC, Taos, NM.

K-1094. Representation of Differing Viewpoints. Council on Ministries, Hills UMC, Mrs. Lee Cook, Chairperson, plus 13 others, Albuquerque, NM.

K-1095. Prohibit General Agencies from Operating as Independent Policy-Making Groups. Howard Mumma, East Ohio Conf.

K-1096. Public Statements on Controversial Issues. Administrative Board, McMasters UMC, Kenyon McCoy, Chairman, Turtle Creek, PA.

K-1097. Record of Vote in Statements on Controversial Issues. Administrative Board, FUMC Lafayette, Gladys P. Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.

K-1098. Record of Vote on Recommendations in Area of Social Concern. Administrative Board, Henning UMC, Dorothy Perkins, Recording Secretary, Sulphur, LA.

K-1099. Report on Vote in Recommendations in Areas of Social Concern. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Gordon and Neva Martin, Co-Chairmen, Rochester, MN.

K-1100. Guidelines for Support of Federal Legislation. Administrative Board, Henning UMC, Dorothy Perkins, Recording Secy., Sulphur, LA.

K-1101. Guidelines for Support of Federal Legislation. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Winfield S. Haycock, Senior Minister, Rochester, MN.

K-1102. Promotion of New Non-Partisan Federal Legislation. Administrative Board, FUMC, Gladys P. Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.

K-1103. Support of Federal Legislation. Administrative Board, Haynesville UMC, Maurice J. Birdwell, Recording Secy., Haynesville, LA.

K-1104. Support of Non-Partisan Federal Legislation. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Robert Price, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

K-1105. Continuous Record of Political Activity. Administrative Board, Haynesville UMC, Maurice J. Birdwell, Recording Secy., Haynesville, LA.

K-1106. Involvement of Staff Members of General Agencies in Political Issues. Administrative Board, Floyd C. Sears, Chairman, Massillon UMC, Massillon, OH.

K-1107. Involvement of General Agencies in Political Activity. Trinity Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Floyd C. Sears, Chairman, Massillon, OH.

K-1108. Record of Political Action. Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Maurice Webb, Chairman, Rochester, MN.

K-1109. Record of Political Activity. Gordon and Neva Martin, Christ UMC, Rochester, MN.

K-1110. Record of Political Activities of General Agencies. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Robert Price, Chairman, Ruston, LA.

K-1111. Record of Political Activities of General Agencies. Administrative Board, Minden FUMC, Jerry Price, Recording Secy., Minden, LA.

K-1112. Record of Political Activity of General Agencies. Administrative Board, Lafayette FUMC, Gladys P. Mitchell, Secy., Lafayette, LA.

K-1113. Referendum to Church Membership. Administrative Board, Mount Zion UMC, Rev. Earl H. Bailey, Pastor, Canton, OH.

K-1114. Referendum to Church Membership. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio Conf.

K-1115. Permanent Commission On Role and Status of Women. Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., President, Nashville, TN.

K-1116. Clarify the contents of Section XV. Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

K-1117. Examination of the Operational Procedures of the Board of Discipleship. Earle H. MacLeod, Calvary UMC, Nashville, TN.

K-1118. Change in Structure of Board of Church and Society. Administrative Board, Channelview UMC, Robert K. Smith, M.D., Channelview, TX.

K-1119. Eliminate Board of Church and Society. John Oswald plus 1, Crystal Park UMC, Magnolia, OH.

K-1120. Eliminate Board of Church and Society. Mr. and Mrs. B. Riffle, Crystal Park UMC, Magnolia, OH.

K-1121. Twelve-year Term for Elected Staff Officers. Mrs. Warren Blakeman, Henning Memorial UMC, Sulphur, LA.

K-1122. Elimination of Agism. Gordon Melton plus 12 others, Emmanuel UMC, Evanston, IL.

K-1123. Non-Discrimination on Basis of Age. General Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, President, New York, NY.

K-1124. Change Program Year. Council on Ministries, Broadway UMC, Mrs. J. K. Kintigh, Chairman, Kansas City, MO.

K-1125. Use of Term "United Methodist." Commission on Archives and History, Lynn W. Turner, Historian, Central Illinois Conf., Westerville, OH.

K-1126. The Methodist Church of Christ. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

K-1127. Delete "United" from "United Methodist Church." J. Michael Nomish, Main Street UMC, Suffolk, VA.

K-1128. Commission on Archives and History, John H. Ness, Jr., Lake Junaluska UMC, Lake Junaluska, NC.

K-1129. Recover Money From Kent State Fund. Paul Crooks, Pastor, East Canton UMC, East Canton, OH.

K-1130. Recover Money from Kent State Fund. Administrative Board, Fields UMC, James G. Skinner, Pastor, North Ridgeville, OH.

K-1131. Solicitation of Funds Only Within Membership of UMC. Administrative Board, Church of the Lakes UMC, Louis Boottler, Chairman, plus 41 others, Canton, OH.

K-1132. Solicitation of Funds Only Within Membership of UMC. Beatrice Whitehead plus 41 others, Church of the Lakes UMC, Canton, OH.

K-1133. United Methodist Church Center. I. Melville Wohrley, East Ohio, Conf.

K-1134. Relocate Administrative Office. Charles Shuman plus 4 others, Sullivan UMC, Sullivan, IL.

K-1135. Establishment of Legal Office. Stanley B. Balbach, Chairman, Urbana FUMC, Urbana, IL.

K-1136. Care in Interviewing Personnel. Janet Mowery, Church of the Lakes UMC, Canton, OH.

K-1137. Prerequisite For Employment. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenk, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

K-1138. Child Care. National UMW's Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Coordinator, Urbana, IL.

K-1139. Reduction of Amount of Literature. Odie Gregg, North Alabama Conf.

K-1140. Ethnic Census of UMC. National Fed. of Asian Amer. UM., Lloyd K. Wake, Chairperson, San Francisco, CA.

K-1141. Glide Memorial UMC Withdrawn From UM Denomination. Rev. John H. Shenk, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

K-1142. Elimination of Sexism, Racism and Agism in Language. Commission on Status of Women in UMC, Barbara R. Thompson, Pres., Silver Springs, MD.

K-1143. Elimination of Sexism and Racism from Church Publications. Nat. UMW's. Caucus, Rev. Christine Modisher, Urbana, IL.

K-1144. No Discrimination with Respect for Age. General Board of Global Ministries, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

K-1145. Remove Minimum Age Restrictions. Iowa Conf., Susan J. Terry, Secy.

K-1146. Remove Use of Sexist Language. Iowa Conf., Susan J. Terry, Secy.

K-1147. Representation of Men and Women in Church Structures. National UMW's Caucus, Christine Modisher, Coordinator, Urbana, IL.

K-1148. Use of Term "Moderator." J. Noble Atkins, Oklahoma Conf.

K-1149. Annual Conference Building Program. Board of Global Ministries, UMC, Paul A. Washburn, Pres., New York, NY.

K-1150. Assignment of Duties in Regard to Church Property. Legal Advisory Comm., Florida Conf., G. Howe, Secy.

K-1151. Assume Indebtedness for Purchase of District Parsonage. Administrative Board, Shafter UMC, Shafter, CA.

K-1152. Dissolution of Methodist Corporation, Par. 1409. Gen. Coun. on Fin. and Adm., R. Bryan Brawner, Gen. Sec., Evanston, IL.

K-1153. Free Local Church Property From Provisions of Trust Clause. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenk, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

K-1154. Free Local Church Property From Provisions of Trust Clause. Administrative Board, Hebron UMC, John H. Shenk, Pastor, Lebanon, PA.

K-1155. Function of District Board of Church location and Building, Rev. Glenn Biddle, West Ohio Conf.

K-1156. Function of District Board of Church Location and Building. Board of Global Ministries, Western No. Carolina Conf.

K-1157. Guidance in Use and Purchase of Transportation Equipment. R. Delbert Byrum, Western North Carolina Conf.

K-1158. Modify Present "Trust Clause." Marcella Patton, Dodge City UMC, Dodge City, KS.

K-1159. To Strengthen The Work of the District Board of Church Location and Building. UMC Group Hinton Rural Life Center, Doyce W. Gunter, Exec. Director, Hayesville, NC.

K-1160. Election of Trustees for the John Street UMC. Charge Conference, John Street UMC, Rose Son Youn, Secy., New York, NY.

K-1161. No Disciplinary Action for Irregular Baptism. Bennett William Palmer, Florida Conf.

K-1162. Responsibility of Judicial Council. Iowa Conf., Susan J. Terry, Secy.

K-1163. Form of Judicial Council Decisions. Lester L. Moore, Iowa Conf.

K-1164. Change Order of Paragraphs in Discipline. Council of Bishops, Jack M. Tuell, Nashville, TN.

K-1165. Offense For Which A Person May Be Tried. Howard L. Lydick, Richardson, TX.

K-1165. Offense For Which A Person May Be Tried. Richardson FUMC, Richardson, TX.

K-1166. Offenses For Which A Bishop May Be Fired. Fourteen identical copies of this petition have been received. The entire list of signers is on file in the office of the Petitions Secy.

K-1167. Counseling Concerning Church Membership for a Minister who Surrenders Credentials. W. L. Joyner, Florida Conf.

K-1168. Membership of Program Boards. Wanda Duitmeier, UMC, Monroe, WI.

ADDITIONAL PETITIONS[9]

K-1169. Tenure for Staff Personnel. Robert W. Sprinkle, Member, Florida Annual Conference.

K-1170. Church Membership Required for Persons in Decision Making Positions. George Pearce, Jr., Louisiana Annual Conference, Bossier City, La.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRALS

K-1171. Episcopal Address. Committee on Reference.

NEW MATERIAL REFERRED

K-1172. Legislative proposals on Administrative order, Par. 803.1, 831.2, 843.6. Inter-agency Task Force on Legislation (part of another petition, re-referred to Legislative Committee on Administrative Order).

PETITIONS RE-REFERRED

1. To the Committee on Central Conference Affairs.

B-1279. Legislative Proposals on Provisional Annual Conferences.

B-1285. Consider Creating Additional Central Conferences in Africa.

B-1288. Autonomy for Methodist Church in the Philippines.

B-1289. Continuation of Southwest Philippines Provisional Conference.

B-1290. Philippines UMC to be Affiliated Autonomous.

B-1293. Recognition of the Methodist Church of Southern Asia as a Continuing Central Conference of The United Methodist Church.

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[9]See footnote, page 974.

B-1294. Recognition of the Methodist Church of Southern Asia as a Continuing Central Conference of The United Methodist Church.

E-1102. Approval of Agreements for Autonomy.

E-1106. Concordat with Methodist Church in the Americas and the Carribean.

E-1110. Concordat with the Methodist Church in the Americas and the Carribean.

E-1114. Division of Zaire Area.

2. Petitions re-referred by the Committee on Reference, April 29, 1976.

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A-4995	Response to World Hunger	Council on Ministries	H-1066
A-1045	Bicentennial Message to the U.S.A.	Independent Commissions	J-1080
A-1048	Quadrennial Issue on Spiritual and Physical Hunger	Council on Ministries	H-1067
A-1050	Quadrennial Program Emphasis	Council on Ministries	H-1069
A-1049	Quadrennial Emphasis on World Disorder and Christian Response	Council on Ministries	H-1068
A-1051	Quadrennial Theme for The UMC	Council on Ministries	H-1079
A-1082	Lead in Recovery of Values and Ethics	Council on Ministries	H-1080
B-1014	Responsibility of Bishop to Preach in Churches	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2339
B-1048	Area and Episcopal Office Expense (Par. 15)	Financial Administration	G-1485
B-1095	Endorsement of Tent-maker Ministries	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2335
B-1096	Empowering Board of Ministry to Deal With Requests for Tent-maker Minister Status	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2336
B-1097	Oppose Appointment of Homosexuals	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2337
B-1169	Receive and Consider Report of Study on Church Membership Trends	Discipleship	C-1257
B-1170	Careful Consideration of Recommendation No. 6 From Study of Church Membership Trends	Discipleship	C-1258
B-1010	Nominations for Episcopacy from Annual Conferences	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2340
B-1011	Nominations for Episcopacy From Annual Conferences	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2341
B-1012	Committee on Episcopacy	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2342
B-1013	Committee on Episcopacy	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2343
B-1164	Supernumerary Relationship	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2344
B-1204	Superintendent-District Relations Committee	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2345
B-1287	Pension Provisions for Ministers in Alaska Missionary Conference	Financial Administration	G-1486
B-1310	Relation of Social Principles to Scripture	Church and Society	A-5125
B-1313	Additions to Glossary of Terms	Local Church	F-1595
B-1314	Additions to Glossary of Terms	Local Church	F-1596
B-1322	Motto for Quadrennium "Every Congregation a Servant"	Council on Ministries	H-1070
B-1323	Motto for Quadrennium "Every Congregation a Servant"	Council on Ministries	H-1071
B-1324	Quadrennium Emphasis "Every Congregation a Servant"	Council on Ministries	H-1072
E-1432	Joint Committee on Communications	Council on Ministries	H-1073

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F-1082	Oppose Church Membership of Homosexuals	Church & Society	A-5126
F-1111	Oppose Church Membership of Homosexuals	Church & Society	A-5127
F-1112	Oppose Church Membership of Homosexuals	Church & Society	A-5128
F-1114	Oppose Church Membership of Homosexuals	Church & Society	A-5129
F-1118	Oppose Church Membership of Homosexuals	Church & Society	A-5131
F-1117	Oppose Church Membership of Homosexuals	Church & Society	A-5130
F-1159	Mutual Recognition of Members	Global Ministries	E-1444
F-1224	Rights of Lay Pastors in Annual Conference	Conferences	B-1370
F-1349	Permanent Commission on Status of Women	Independent Commissions	J-1081
F-1350	Oppose Creation of Permanent Commission on Status and Role of Women	Independent Commissions	J-1082
F-1351	Terminate Commission on Status and Role of Women	Independent Commissions	J-1083
F-1443	Delinquency in Paying Ministerial Support Items	Financial Administration	G-1487
F-1467	Every Congregation a Servant	Council on Ministries	H-1074
F-1513	Recommendation of D.S. in Realignment of Charges	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2346
F-1526	Responsibility of Board of Church Location and Building	Administrative Order	K-1172
G-1106	Deletion of the Word 'Black'	Independent Commissions	J-1084
G-1110	Nomination of Trustees for John Street Church	Independent Commissions	J-1085
G-1111	Trustees for John Street Church	Independent Commissions	J-1086
G-1117	Sale of Abandoned Property	Local Church	F-1597
G-1118	Newspaper Notice in Sale of Abandoned Property	Local Church	F-1598
G-1119	Newspaper Notice in Sale of Abandoned Property	Local Church	F-1599
G-1120	Newspaper Notice in Sale of Abandoned Property	Local Church	F-1600
G-1121	Newspaper Notice in Sale of Abandoned Property	Local Church	F-1601
G-1122	Newspaper Notice in Sale of Abandoned Property	Local Church	F-1602
G-1123	Newspaper Notice in Sale of Abandoned Property	Local Church	F-1603
G-1124	Newspaper Notice in Sale of Abandoned Property	Local Church	F-1604
G-1138	Limitation of Tenure of Employees of General Agencies	Administrative Order	K-1173
G-1164	Reduce or Eliminate Expenditure of Funds for General Conference	Conferences	B-1371
G-1166	United Methodist Development Fund	Global Ministries	E-1445
G-1170	Equitable Support for Schools, Colleges & Seminaries	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2347
G-1173	Change Name of Black College Fund	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2348
G-1188	Turn Over Funds from Bishops' Call to UMCOR	Council on Ministries	H-1075
G-1187	Meeting Physical and Spiritual Hunger	Council on Ministries	H-1076
G-1190	Funds for World Hunger	Council on Ministries	H-1077
G-1197	Oppose Ordination of Homosexuals	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2349

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G-1198	Withhold Funds from Agencies Advocating Ordination of Homosexuals	Church & Society	A-5132
G-1209	Selective Giving to General Agencies	Administrative Order	K-1174
G-1307	Recover Money from Kent State Fund	Church & Society	A-5133
G-1310	Homosexuality	Church & Society	A-5134
G-1433	Combine "Response" and "New World Outlook"	Global Ministries	E-1446
G-1440	Consider Publication of Book on Help in Overcoming Alcohol and Drug Addiction	Church & Society	A-5135
G-1449	Additions to Glossary of Terms	Local Church	F-1605
G-1450	Additions to Glossary of Terms	Local Church	F-1606
G-1451	Additions to Glossary of Terms	Local Church	F-1607
G-1452	Glossary of Terms	Local Church	F-1608
J-1062	Equal Rights of Women	Church & Society	A-5136
K-1083	Affirm Programs Which Encourage Full Personhood	Council on Ministries	H-1078
K-1084	Positions in Harmony with Social Principles	Church & Society	A-5137
K-1085	Programs Consistent with Social Principles	Church & Society	A-5138
K-1086	Prohibit Agencies from Supporting Positions that Contradict Social Principles	Church & Society	A-5139
K-1087	Prohibit Agencies from Supporting Positions that Contradict Social Principles	Church & Society	A-5140
K-1088	Prohibit Agencies from Supporting Programs Opposed to Social Principles	Church & Society	A-5141
K-1160	Election of Trustees for John Street Church	Independent Commissions	J-1087
J-1017	Committee on Church and Community to be Involved in Planning for Church Extension	Global Ministries	E-1447

All petitions having to do with the Study on Human Sexuality originally referred to the Legislative Committee on Church and Society have been re-referred to the Legislative Committee on Council on Ministries.

3. Petitions re-referred by the Committee on Reference, May 1, 1976.

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E-1403	Medical Rights for Children and Youth	Church & Society	A-5142
E-1404	Mental Health	Church & Society	A-5143
E-1405	Health Care	Church & Society	A-5144
E-1406	Health Care	Church & Society	A-5145
E-1407	Health Care	Church & Society	A-5146
E-1408	Oppose Promotion of National Health Programs	Church & Society	A-5147
E-1409	Support Concepts of Health Insurance	Church & Society	A-5148
E-1410	Statement on Health Insurance	Church & Society	A-5149
E-1411	Statement on Health Insurance	Church & Society	A-5150
E-1412	Statement on Health Insurance	Church & Society	A-5151
E-1413	Statement on Health Insurance	Church & Society	A-5152
A-1083	Oppose Acceptance of Low Moral Standards	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2350
A-2489	Oppose Leadership of Homosexuals	Higher Education and Ministry	D-2351
A-2549	Reaffirm Position on Homosexuality	Higher Education and Ministry	D-2352
A-3035	Remove Quota System for General Agencies	Administrative Order	K-1176
A-4826	Oppose Statements Critical of Capitalistic System	Global Ministries	E-1448

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B-1051	Tenure of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2353
B-1171	Bishop-Conference Relations Committee, Par. 665	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2354
B-1256 –B-1261	Parish Development and Cooperative Parish Ministry	Local Church	F-1608 –F-1613
B-1263 –B-1271	Parish Development and Cooperative Parish Ministry	Local Church	F-1614 –F-1622
B-1326	Probationary Membership	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2355
C-1107	Denominational Student Movement	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2356
C-1140	Removal of Inactive Members	Local Church	F-1623
C-1234	Consider Publication of Manuscript of Religious Experience	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2357
C-1252	Children's Christian TV Program	Council on Ministries	H-1094
D-1030	Committee to Evaluate Educational Requirements	Council on Ministries	H-1084
D-1017	Committee to Evaluate Educational Requirements	Council on Ministries	H-1086
C-1018	Committee to Evaluate Minimum Educational Requirements	Council on Ministries	H-1085
D-1035	College Equivalency Examination	Council on Ministries	H-1087
D-1095	Examination on Standards of Doctrine	Conferences	B-1373
D-1120	Supernumerary Minister's Pension Credit	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2360
D-1122	Benevolence Budget Responsibility	Financial Administration	G-1490
D-1334	Special Grants to Retired Ministers	Financial Administration	G-1494
D-1138	Co-pastorates	Local Church	F-1624
D-1181	Provision for Lay Pastors to Serve as Voting Members	Conferences	B-1377
D-1182	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1378
D-1183	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1379
D-1185	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1380
D-1186	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1381
D-1187	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1382
D-1188	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1383
D-1189	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1384
D-1190	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1385
D-1191	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1386
D-1192	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1387
D-1193	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1388
D-1194	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1389
D-1195	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1390
D-1196	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1391
D-1222	Voting Rights for Lay Pastors	Conferences	B-1392
D-1621	Missional Priority of the Ethnic Minority Local Church	Council on Ministries	H-1088
D-1629	Requirements for Ministry with Minority Groups	Council on Ministries	H-1089
D-1744	Oppose Study on Human Sexuality	Council on Ministries	H-1090
D-1841	Retain Statement on Human Sexuality	Church & Society	A-5153
D-1842	Distribution of Funds to Groups	Financial Administration	G-1491
D-2074	Retain Statement on Social Principles	Church & Society	A-5154
D-2095	Amend Par. 72	Church & Society	A-5155
D-2098	Retain Statement on Human Sexuality	Church & Society	A-5156
D-2267	Oppose Study on Human Sexuality	Council on Ministries	H-1091
D-2271	Retain Statement on Human Sexuality	Church & Society	A-5157
D-2297	Purposes of the Annual Conference	Conferences	B-1374
E-1008	Support Emphases of World Methodist Council	Discipleship	C-1262

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E-1113	Southern Africa	Church & Society	A-5158
E-1166	Limited Service Church	Local Church	F-1625
E-1429	Continuation and Funding of School in Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2361
E-1437	Quadrennial Study Committee on Native American Ministries	Council on Ministries	H-1092
F-1129	Lengthening Probationary Membership	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2358
F-1227	Youth Members of Annual Conference	Conferences	B-1375
F-1273	Qualifications for Lay Members	Conferences	B-1376
F-1346	Change Fiscal Year of United Methodist Women	Global Ministries	E-1449
F-1462	Special Days Without Offering—World Order Sunday	Council on Ministries	H-1093
G-1093 –G-1095	Salary Supplement for Clergy of Rio Grande Conference	Global Ministries	E-1450 –E-1452
G-1334	Flexible Retirement	Administrative Order	K-1171
H-1018	Supervised, Coordinated Program for Single Adults	Discipleship	C-1263
J-1016	Fund Drive to Save Wesley's Chapel	Independent Commissions	G-1492
K-1152	Dissolution of Methodist Corporation, Par. 1409	Financial Administration	G-1493
K-1166	Offenses for Which a Bishop May Be Tried	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2359
C-1083	Salary Provisions for Tent-maker Ministries	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2364
E-1361	Cease Activities Related to Kent State Trial	Church & Society	A-5159
C-1248	Preparation for Confirmation	Local Church	G-1495
B-1174	Liaison Task Force Between Cabinet, Board of Ministry, and Board of Pensions	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2363
B-1173	Local Ordination	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2362
G-1336 –G-1359	Early Retirement at Age 62	Higher Education & Ministry	D-2365 –D-2388
D-1113	Ministry to the Deaf	Council on Ministries	H-1095

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